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BH fears loss of income tax money

Mayors make pitch to lawmakers to act during lame duck session

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor is one of 24 Michigan cities that will lose millions of dollars in city income tax revenue if the Michigan Legislature doesn't act before Dec. 31.

The Michigan Department of Treasury is projecting that the cities are set to lose, collectively, about $160 million, according to several mayors at an online news conference hosted by the Michigan Municipal League on Monday morning.

The cities with income taxes collect the taxes from people who live in the city, no matter where they work, and from people who live elsewhere but work in the city. In Benton Harbor, residents pay a 1 percent tax on their income, while people who live elsewhere but work in the city pay 0.5 percent on the income they earn while they are physically in the city.

The issue is that many non-resident employees who normally work in cities like Benton Harbor have been working from their homes since March, due to COVID-19 and state-mandated restrictions. Per state law, the income tax cities can't collect the taxes from non-residents for work they do outside city limits.

In many communities the proposed Community Stabilization Plan would prevent workers, who typically have city income taxes withheld from their paychecks, from seeking refunds.

Port Huron Mayor Pauline Repp said during the news conference that many employees are expected to continue working from home for several more months, until a vaccine can be distributed, meaning that the tax losses could continue to mount.

Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalyn Bliss said the mayors are asking lawmakers to pass the plan, which would allow cities to temporarily collect local income taxes as if employees were working from their normal places of business.

"This parallels legislation proposed by the Michigan Manufacturer's Association ... that asks for similar frozen treatment of personal property being used by remote workers," she said. "It makes sense for this proposal to move hand-in-hand with that business tax benefit. It is also similar to measures taken by lawmakers in Ohio recently. They passed this to protect their communities and the services that those communities provide."

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Marsha Hammond is the newly elected mayor of Coloma. She comes into the job with 19 years experience as a city commissioner and is deeply rooted in the city.

Committed to Coloma

New Coloma mayor starts position with nearly 2 decades of service to the city

Q&A

MARSHA HAMMOND

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

COLOMA — The newly elected mayor of Coloma, Marsha Hammond, credits her family history and the support of the city for getting her where she is today.

"My father was a Coloma city commissioner for 12 years," she said in a recent phone interview. "God bless him. He's been gone over 25 years now. I'm not sure if he would be happy for me or say, 'Did you not listen to anything I said?'"

Hammond was first elected to the city commission in 2001. She's served two different stints as mayor pro-tem during that time, as well as headed up the city's Public Works Committee and served as project coordinator for the Coloma Downtown Development Authority (DDA), among other posts.

Before retirement about seven years ago, Hammond was a manager at Gordon Food Service and before that, she owned a restaurant in Coloma.

She was elected Nov. 3 to a four-year term to replaced Mayor Jim Polashak, who retired.

Hammond isn't the first female mayor of Coloma, but she joins a very short list.

Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Alexandra Newman talked with Hammond recently about her new role and the support she's received.

What has it been like as mayor so far?

It's been very good. It's touching the people who are happy to see me in that position. I've had a lot of support.

Why did you run for mayor?

I had been mayor pro-tem, and with Jim's illness, I had been doing a lot because he was just not able, and I kind of thought it would give some continuity in this horrible time we're going through. I had a lot of people come up and ask me, "You're running for mayor, aren't you?"

But, it's also because I'm pretty deep rooted in the city of Coloma and because my father served. It's a family thing.

What are some goals or things you'd like to accomplish for the city?

I think the city is really moving forward and I'd like to keep it on that course. As with everybody, it's really tough right now. You just never know if it's going to be a Zoom meeting or an in-person meeting. The times are very complicated right now, but we're hanging on tight.

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Church demolished to make way for senior living facility

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A former Royalton Township church has been razed to make way for an incoming senior living facility.

Demolition of the St. Joseph Church of the Nazarene, at 3351 Niles Road, began last Wednesday and is expected to be completed this week.

The project is being done by ClearPath Development – based in St. Louis – which owns and operates several senior living communities across the country.

ARCO Construction, also based in St. Louis, is general contractor for the project.

Township Building Inspector Bill Boyd said the property recently sold after company representatives spotted it during a visit to the region.

"It's going to be a very nice nursing facility," Boyd said. "They want it to be high-end. They are in the upper echelon."

According to minutes from a Royalton Township Planning Commission meeting in June, the project name is ClearPath Provision Living Facility.

Situated on about 5 acres, the building will be about 45,000 square feet. The facility will feature 56-unit units and offer offices, a kitchen, dining rooms and common space areas.

Among the 56 units, 40 will be dedicated to assisted living, with the other 16 catering to memory care.

"The company bought the property from the church, but the existing building didn't fit into their plans," Boyd said.

The developers requested a zoning amendment at 3351 Niles Road in June. It was rezoned from C3 heavy commercial to C1 general commercial, which Boyd said is more adequate for a long-term care facility.

There is no timeline for the project, as the ongoing pandemic and upcoming winter weather will play a roll in construction.

Boyd said the developer wants to "get going as

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Demolition is mostly complete at the former St. Joseph Church of the Nazarene, located at 3351 Niles Road, where a senior living facility is planned.

Beware of COVID-19 scams as vaccine approaches FDA approval

By COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The coronavirus vaccine inching toward approval in the U.S. is desperately anticipated by weary Americans longing for a path back to normal life. But criminals are waiting, too, ready to use that desperation to their advantage, federal investigators say.

Homeland Security investigators are working with Pfizer, Moderna and dozens of other drug companies racing to complete and distribute the vaccine and treatments for the virus. The goal: to prepare for the scams that are coming, especially after the mess of criminal activity this year with phony personal protective equipment, false cures and extortion schemes.

"We're all very excited about the potential vaccine and treatments," said Steve Francis, assistant director for global trade investigations with Homeland Security Investigations. "But I also caution against these criminal organizations and individuals that will try to exploit the American public."

No vaccine has yet been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The FDA has approved the first treatment for COVID-19, the antiviral drug remdesivir. With vaccines and treatments both, it has warned about the potential for fraud.

"The FDA is particularly concerned that these deceptive and misleading products might cause Americans to delay or stop appropriate medical treatment, leading to serious and life-threatening harm," the agency said in a recent statement.

The drug companies are to have safeguards and brand-protection features in place to help avoid fraud, but that may not be available until the second generation of vaccine because everything is operated on such an emergency basis, said Karen Gardner, chief marketing officer at SIPCA North America, a company that works as a bridge between the government, businesses and consumers. She said that makes it more important to educate health care providers on what the real thing looks like.

"When you have anything in high demand and limited supply, there is going to be

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Moderna asking U.S., European regulators to OK its virus shots

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

Moderna Inc. said Monday it was asking U.S. and European regulators to allow emergency use of its COVID-19 vaccine as new study results confirm the shots offer strong protection – intensifying the race to begin limited vaccinations as the coronavirus rampage worsens.

Multiple vaccine candidates must succeed for the world to stamp out the pandemic, which has been on the upswing in the U.S. and Europe. U.S. hospitals have been stretched to the limit as the nation has seen more than 160,000 new cases per day and more than 1,400 daily deaths. Since first emerging nearly a year ago in China, the virus has killed more than 1.4 million people worldwide.

Moderna is just behind Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech in seeking to begin vaccinations in the U.S. in December. British regulators also are assessing the Pfizer shot and another from AstraZeneca.

Moderna created its shots with the U.S. National Institutes of Health and already had a hint they were working, but said it got the final needed results over the weekend that suggest the vaccine is more than 94 percent effective.

Of 196 COVID-19 cases so far in its huge U.S. study, 185 were trial participants who received the placebo and 11 who got the real vaccine. The only people who got severely ill – 30 participants, including one who died – had received dummy shots, said Dr. Tal Zaks, the Cambridge, Massachusetts, company's chief medical officer.

When he learned the results, "I allowed myself to cry for the first time," Zaks told The Associated Press. "We have already, just in the trial, have already saved lives. Just imagine the impact then multiplied to the people who can get this vaccine."

Moderna said the shots' effectiveness and a good safety record so far – with only temporary, flu-like side effects – mean they meet requirements set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for emergency use before the final-stage testing is complete. The European Medicines Agency, Europe's version of FDA, has signaled it also is open to faster "conditional" clearance.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease expert, called that level of protection "extraordinary." But with a grim few months ahead until enough vaccine arrives, he is pleading with Americans to stick with masks and other critical public health measures.

"We've got to continue to do that consistently and uniformly until we get the entire or most of the country vaccinated and have enough herd immunity that we can crush this outbreak," Fauci told the AP. With vaccines, "we've crushed smallpox, we've crushed polio, we've crushed measles," but doing the same for COVID-19 will take time.

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Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
AS-3H-9H-10H-3S
Midday Daily 3
2-4-2
Midday Daily 4
0-1-6-8
Daily 3
2-4-7
Daily 4
4-2-5-3
Fantasy 5
01-11-22-23-30
Keno
03-04-10-11-12-16-19-20-31-32-34-35-51-52-54-55-57-59-61-71-73-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$229 million
Powerball jackpot
$231 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
06-15-18-21-29
Estimated jackpot
$261,500
Cash4Life
09-17-18-28-38, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
04-05-06-10-16-18-24-30-36-43-45-55-61-63-66-67-68-73-74-78, BE: 74
Daily Three-Midday
5-3-1, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
7-4-3, SB: 3
Daily Four-Midday
3-7-4-7, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
0-3-8-6, SB: 3
Quick Draw Evening
07-13-14-15-17-20-21-22-25-27-33-35-40-42-45-46-49-62-69-73, BE: 42

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
15-21-25-31-38
Estimated jackpot
$550,000
Pick Three-Midday
1-2-8, Fireball: 3
Pick Three-Evening
0-0-0, Fireball: 5
Pick Four-Midday
9-0-4-2, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Evening
7-1-0-7, Fireball: 5
Lucky Day Lotto
05-17-22-27-44
Estimated jackpot
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Americans face new COVID-19 restrictions after Thanksgiving

By TAMMY WEBBER and HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
Associated Press

Americans returning from Thanksgiving break faced strict new coronavirus measures around the country Monday as health officials brace for a disastrous worsening of the nationwide surge because of holiday gatherings over the long weekend.

Los Angeles County imposed a stay-at-home order for its 10 million residents, and Santa Clara County, in the heart of Silicon Valley, banned high school, college and professional sports and decreed a quarantine for those who have traveled more than 150 miles outside the county.

In Hawaii, the mayor of Hawaii County said trans-Pacific travelers arriving without a negative COVID-19 test must quarantine for 14 days, and even those who have tested virus-free may be randomly selected for another test upon arrival. New Jersey is suspending all youth sports.

"The red flags are flying in terms of the trajectory in our projections of growth," said California Gov. Gavin Newsom. "If these trends continue, we're going to have to take much more dramatic, arguably drastic, action."

Health experts had pleaded with Americans to stay home over Thanksgiving and not gather with anyone who didn't live with them. Nevertheless, almost 1.2 million people passed through U.S. airports Sunday, the most since the pandemic gripped the country in March, and others took to the highways to be with family and friends.

Now they're being urged to watch for any signs of illness and get tested right away if they experience symptoms.

Some families are already seeing the fallout from Thanksgiving gatherings.

Jonathan Eshnaur lugged his 32-inch TV to a Thanksgiving Day family gathering at his sister's home in Olathe, Kansas, so he could watch football outside. He wore a mask and only went into her house for the prayer and to use the bathroom.

His father began feeling terrible that day and tested positive the next. His mother now is showing symptoms, and six others were exposed.

"I think we all have a tendency to think it won't happen to me," said Eshnaur, a 34-year-old special education teacher. "But that is kind of the issue with these kinds of viruses is it does happen, especially when we have widespread community spread that is going on."

VACCINE

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fraud," she said. Desperation will drive people around normal channels.

Meanwhile, investigators are learning about how the vaccine will be packaged and getting the message out to field agents, creating a mass database of information from more than 200 companies, so they can be prepared to spot fakes and crack down on dangerous fraud. They are monitoring tens of thousands of false websites and looking for evidence of fake cures sold online.

Earlier this year as cases exploded, hospitals and governments grew short on masks, gloves and other protective gear. Scams grew, too. Tricksters preyed on unwitting citizens to hand over money for goods they'd never receive.

Homeland Security Investigations started using its 7,000 agents in tandem with border, FDA and FBI officials to investigate scams, seize phony products and arrest hundreds of people. The effort is headquartered at the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, a government watchdog aimed at enforcement of its international trade laws and combating intellectual property theft.

The agency has already analyzed more than 70,900 websites suspected as being involved in some type of COVID-19 fraud. Millions of fake or unapproved personal protective equipment products and antiviral pharmaceuticals were seized. Homeland Security Investigations made more than 1,600 seizures of products worth more than $27 million and made more than 185 arrests.

Home test kits, for example, were only recently made available to the public in the past few weeks. But investigators seized tens of thousands of fake kits in the months before. On the dark web, scammers were selling domain names like "coronaprevention.org," attractive to counterfeiters. In the U.S. alone, more than 1,000 fake websites a day have been removed during the pandemic.

A vaccine can't come fast enough, as virus cases have topped 13 million in the U.S. and many cities have started restricting movement again as the country heads into winter. The pandemic has killed more than 1.4 million people worldwide, more than 266,000 of them in the U.S., according to figures compiled by Johns Hopkins University. But Francis and other investigators are worried that desperation will make Americans more susceptible.

If the FDA allows emergency use of a vaccine, there will be limited, rationed supplies before the end of the year.

Gen. Gus Perna, in charge of the government's efforts to distribute the vaccine, said on CBS' "60 Minutes" the government was prepared to distribute the vaccine within 24 hours of approval. There's a stockpile of the prospective vaccine itself plus kits of needles, syringes and alcohol swabs needed to give the dose. The secret stash is watched by armed guards.

"We have taken extraordinary precaution in this area," he said. "It's such a commodity to us, we're taking the full steps to make sure that the vaccine's secure."

Who is first in line has yet to be decided. But Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said the hope is that enough doses are available by the end of January to vaccinate adults over age 65, who are at the highest risk from the coronavirus, and health care workers. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious-diseases expert, said it may take until spring or summer before anyone who is not high risk and wants a shot can get one.

States already are gearing up for what is expected to be the biggest vaccination campaign in U.S. history. First the shots have to arrive where they're needed, and Pfizer's must be kept at ultra-cold temperatures – around minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit, or minus 70 degrees Celsius. Moderna's vaccine also starts off frozen, but the company said it can be thawed and kept in a regular refrigerator for 30 days, easing that concern.

Governments in other countries and the World Health Organization, which aims to buy doses for poor nations, will have to decide separately if and when vaccines should be rolled out broadly.

Meanwhile, Homeland Security investigators and others are trying to send the message now to the public before the vaccines are approved and begin distribution. They say people should only get a vaccine from an approved medical provider. They shouldn't respond to calls seeking personal information. And they shouldn't click on social media posts purporting to sell cures.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it is," Francis said.

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Berrien's November COVID stats paint grim picture

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Berrien County saw the most new COVID-19 cases and the second highest number of deaths in November.

From Nov. 1-30, the county recorded about 3,630 new cases.

During the first and second waves, in May and July, the county recorded about 360 new cases each month. April saw 210 new cases, June had about 94 new cases, while September saw 273. October had the second highest total at about 972 new cases.

Berrien County has now recorded 109 COVID-19 deaths, with 26 of those coming in November. The first wave saw the highest number of deaths, with 34 being recorded in May. April had the third highest with 14 deaths.

Recoveries also continue to amass in Berrien County. The county has recorded 2,659 recoveries, as of Monday. That's about 41 percent of the confirmed positive cases that have recovered from the virus.

When factoring in deaths, about 3,650 people are still actively sick. That's compared to 3,105 last Monday.

The seven-day average for new cases a day was about 114 on Monday, down from 135 last Monday. The decrease can be partially attributed to less reporting and testing over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, as the average was 160 on Friday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 62 COVID-positive patients Monday, down from 66 on Friday, but keeping with a trend. There were 67 patients on Saturday and 65 patients on Sunday.

School outbreaks

Several area COVID-19 outbreaks at schools were reported Monday by the state.

The outbreaks included a staff case and a student case at Mars Elementary School in Berrien Springs; a staff case and a student case at Three Oaks Elementary School; and three cases, in both students and staff, at Coloma High School.

Outbreaks are defined as two or more COVID-19 cases who may have shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households.

No outbreaks were reported at Cass or Van Buren county schools this week.

The state did not update its long-term care facility reports Monday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The reports will be refreshed today.

Van Buren/Cass

COVID-19 deaths continue to mount in Van Buren County.

The county recorded an additional three COVID-19 deaths over Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

This brings the county's death toll to 42.

In addition, the county recorded 157 new COVID-19 cases over the weekend.

Cass County gained 96 new COVID-19 cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

No new deaths were recorded in Cass County.

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TWO SWANS A-SWIMMING

Don Campbell / HP staff

A pair of swans produce a reflection as they glide along the Paw Paw River in Benton Harbor recently.

LMC to continue remote options for spring semester

By HP STAFF

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Due to the ongoing pandemic and recent rise in COVID-19 cases, Lake Michigan College will continue its 5 Course Delivery Options for the spring semester, the college recently announced.

The semester begins Jan. 11, but registration is now open.

Classes that can be taught remotely will again be offered remotely, while courses that require hands-on learning will have limited in-person instruction in small groups that follow safety protocols.

"While we hoped to be able to offer students a return to in-person instruction this spring, we also had been preparing for this possibility," LMC President Trevor Kubatzke said in a news release. "The precautions we took this fall have been incredibly successful in limiting the number of COVID-19 cases among students, faculty and staff."

"While we hoped to be able to offer students a return to in-person instruction this spring, we also had been preparing for this possibility."

TEVOR KUBATZKE
LMC President

The 5 Course Delivery Options for spring 2021 are:

■ Flexible learning environment: These offer the most flexibility for students, who can choose to interact with their instructor and classmates by webcam during class sessions, or watch recorded class sessions online.

■ Online: All instruction will be delivered online. There are no scheduled class sessions.

■ Remote: All class sessions will be remotely by webcam on scheduled days and times.

■ Hybrid/remote: A significant portion of instruction will be online with some remote class sessions by webcam on scheduled days and times.

■ Hybrid/face-to-face: A significant portion of instruction will be online. There also will be some on-campus, face-to-face class sessions required for hands-on learning that cannot be completed online. On-campus sessions will be in small groups following safety protocols.

LMC has ordered extra computers for its loaner laptop program for students who do not have access to a reliable computer.

LMC students will have access to tutoring, mentoring and mental health support services. Financial aid and advising services are also available remotely.

Michigan nears launch of online sports betting, other games

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan casinos could launch online sports betting and gambling games in December once state lawmakers waive the remaining time they have to review proposed licensing rules.

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, which has 10 legislators, will effectively bless the new regulations at a meeting Tuesday, said the chairman, Republican Sen. Pete Lucido. The expected move will come nearly a year after the Legislature and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer legalized internet gambling and wagering on sports.

Sports bettors were able to place wagers in person at some casinos beginning this past spring. But mobile sports betting, internet poker and other online games must wait until the three commercial casinos in Detroit, 24 tribal casinos and suppliers such as FanDuel and Barstool receive state licenses.

"Everybody wants to get this thing going," Lucido, of Macomb County's Shelby Township, told The Associated Press. "This is something that's long overdue at this point. It's being done in other states. We're losing opportunity costs."

He noted that Detroit's casinos, closed due to state coronavirus restrictions, would benefit from being able to offer mobile options.

"If we hear the waiver request was approved by JCAR, we are hopeful that online gaming and sports betting can start this year," said Mary Kay Bean, spokeswoman for the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

Licensing will begin as soon as the rules are filed with the secretary of state, at which point they will take effect immediately.

Some gambling and technology executives have estimated that 90 percent of sports betting in the U.S. will be done over mobile phones or the internet in the next four to nine years.

BetMGM spokeswoman Elisa Richardson said the operator was "eagerly awaiting" the approval of the regulations and would work with regulators to launch the app through the MGM Grand Detroit casino "shortly thereafter."

Mike Bean, CEO of Saginaw Chippewa Gaming Enterprises, which has two tribal casinos in Mount Pleasant and a third in Standish, said it was targeting early 2021 for onsite sports betting and later in the year for online gambling.

DraftKings and the Detroit Pistons announced a deal Monday making the sports betting operator the NBA team's official partner before DraftKings' launch in Michigan.

Santa will be doing the wave in Dowagiac on Saturday

By HP STAFF

DOWAGIAC — Cottage Gallery in downtown Dowagiac will host Santa Claus in its storefront window this Saturday from 11 to 2 p.m., as a way for kids to see Santa, according to a news release.

"After the difficult year we have all had and having worked with Santa for the past 30 years, I couldn't let this holiday season go by without children being able to see him, right here at home," said Vickie Phillipson, Cottage Gallery owner. Phillipson, who is also program director for the Greater Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Authority, has helped organize Christmas programs for the chamber for the past three decades.

Due to COVID-19 and state mandates, the chamber will not host Santa or its Christmas Open House Weekend, which is traditionally held in mid-November. That's where Phillipson stepped in.

"As my gift to the community, families with young children will be able to see Santa this Saturday, as they experience a walk by and wave opportunity," Phillipson said. "For the safety of families and Santa, this is a socially distanced event with no contact or communication with Santa inside or outside of the store."

Phillipson said children will have the opportunity to take home complimentary Santa stationary. They may also drop off their letters to Santa. A special mailbox will be available for children's letters outside the shop.

"Families visiting our storefront window are asked to mask up and socially distance themselves outside Cottage Gallery and while they are on the sidewalk," Phillipson said. "We will have X's on the sidewalk to help guide the public, as they wait to view Santa through the window."

Cottage Gallery, which opened in August, is located at 126 S. Front Street. It is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 to 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Mother, son die in Cass County fire

EDWARDSBURG — A mother and son died Sunday when they were unable to escape from their burning home.

Cass County Sheriff Richard Behnke said Patricia Cloud, 69, and Brandon Cloud, 37, died of injuries sustained in the fire at their home in the 70000 block of Tharpe Lake Road near Edwardsburg in Cass County's Porter Township.

Responding to the 5:07 p.m. fire were SEPSA Fire and EMS; Penn, Central Cass, Edwardsburg, Oslo, Bristol, and Cleveland fire departments, Edwardsburg EMS and Michigan State Police.

Behnke said the cause of the fire remains under investigation. No other details about the blaze were released.

OBITUARIES

William Rutherford

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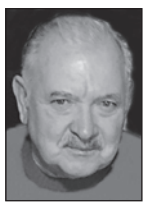

William "Dave" Rutherford, 72, of Dowagiac passed away Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Public visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. A celebration of life service will follow at 2 pm, also at the funeral home. Masks will be required. Burial will follow in Crystal Springs Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Cande Rutherford to help with final expenses. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Dave was born on Oct. 11, 1948, to John and Beatrice (Waller) Rutherford in Benton Harbor. He honorably served in the Marine Corps, serving two tours in Vietnam. Dave was a member of both the VFW and Moose lodge in Dowagiac. He worked for Whirlpool for many years as an operator and later in life handled taxidermy at his home. Dave loved hunting, socializing, and would do anything for anyone. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Dave is survived by his children: Billy Wayne Brooks of Tuscon, Ariz., David Wayne (Cande) Rutherford of Benton Harbor, Kari (Robert Hamilton) Pullins of Benton Harbor, Ruby (Jonathon) Jones of Dowagiac and Shannon (Billy) Kinchen of Dowagiac; 19 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and siblings: Brenda Crowder, Martha (Stub) Bailey, Mary Ann Alsup, Sandy Eyerly and special friends: Danny Turner and Mike Napier.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Wanda Rutherford; and brothers-in-law, Gary, Bo and Ernest.

Josephine Edinger

May 8, 1924 – Nov. 29, 2020

Josephine Edinger, 96, of Sodus passed away Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020, at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Stevensville.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Jon Bendewald officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Sodus. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to PACE of Southwest Michigan, www.paceswmi.org, 2900 Lakeview Ave., St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Josephine was born on May 8, 1924, in St. Joseph, to John and Anna (Vigansky) Gard. She grew up on the Gard Family Farm, where she helped with the farming. She graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1942.

On June 15, 1946, Josephine married the love of her life, Dale Edinger, at her family farm. The two were happily married for 32 years before his passing in 1978. The two of them enjoyed spending time with their children and polka dancing. Family meant everything to Josephine. She was wonderful, caring and commonly seen serving as a "Gold Star Mother."

Josephine is survived by her children: Mary (John) Kinney of St. Joseph, Marcia Allen of Eau Claire, John Edinger of Sodus, Jeffery Edinger of Sodus, and Jerry (Pamela) Edinger of South Carolina; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents: John and Anna; loving husband, Dale; and her son, James, who lost his life serving our country in Vietnam in 1967.

Winfried Breitkreuz

Feb. 23, 1939 – Nov. 24, 2020

Winfried "Fred" Breitkreuz, 81, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, in St. Joseph.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, at the First Church of God in St. Joseph with the Pastor David Colp officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph.

Memorials may be made to First Church of God. Those wishing to leaving an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph.

Fred was born in Potsdam, Germany, on Feb. 23, 1939, to Erwin and Edith Breitkreuz. In 1951, Fred immigrated to the United States, then graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1957.

He married Lois Cauwels Breitkreuz on Aug. 11, 1962. Fred received his BS in mechanical engineering from John Brown University and MBA from Western Michigan University. He was a proud owner of the family business Ace Plumbing & Heating Company for over 50 years.

Fred was a devoted Christian and a member of the First Church of God in St. Joseph. He also was a 32nd Degree Mason, member of the St. Joseph Masonic Lodge, and member of the St. Joseph River Yacht Club. Fred enjoyed boating, racquetball, walks with his wife, and most of all, spending time with family. Fred was known for his commitment, integrity, humility, compassion and joy.

Fred's marriage to Pat was purposeful and sacrificial, holding true to their faith while never losing sight of each other. He constantly encouraged Pat and his family in their goals, faith and hardships. Fred left every person he met better than he found them. Whether that was with a joke or a personalized song, Fred spread his joy and left everyone smiling.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Pat Breitkreuz; brother, Volker Bradley and his wife Jyl; daughter, Rebecca Breitkreuz; son, Stephen Breitkreuz; son, Van Taylor; daughter, Patty Schoonheim; daughter, Kimberly Simons; and 14 grandchildren: Ryan Sanford, Aaron Sanford, Dylan Breitkreuz, Skylar Simons, Makenzie Simons, Jensen Simons, Camden Simons, Emma Breitkreuz, Luke Breitkreuz, Jack Breitkreuz, Josh Breitkreuz, Rachel Schoonheim, Natalie Schoonheim and Jenna Schoonheim.

James Richard Wolf

Feb. 13, 1938 – Nov. 30, 2020

James Richard Wolf, 82, of South Haven passed away Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born Feb. 13, 1938, to Fred and Helen (Welch) Wolf in South Haven.

James married Betty Lou Robinson on Dec. 8, 1958, in Adrian, Mich. They shared 62 years in marriage.

He honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force. James worked for Lovejoy Manufacturing and Bohn Aluminum in South Haven. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Sons of the American Legion. James was an outdoorsman who loved fishing, hunting, and, most of all, gardening. He loved his fresh fruit and vegetables, pickled cucumbers and cauliflower, bologna and eggs. He loved his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jack Wolf, and sister-in-law, Judy Wolf.

James is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Wolf, of South Haven; children: Jimmy (Jeannie) Wolf of South Haven, Lisa (Brian) Griffin of South Haven, and DeAnn (Mike) Ritchie of Bangor; grandchildren: Jennifer (Shaun) Brown of South Haven and Matthew (Rhea) Griffin of Cary, N.C.; five great-grandchildren: Carson, Damon and Fallon Brown, and Aspen and Royce Griffin.

Private family services will be held at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, with Pastor Eric Jarvis officiating. James will be laid to rest at Lake View Cemetery in South Haven.

Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com. The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven.

Pat Mills

March 7, 1943 – Nov. 19, 2020

Pat Mills, 77, of Muncie, Ind., passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, at her home with her loving husband, Bruce, by her side.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Helen and Leonard Fletcher; son, Alan Mills, and granddaughter, Luna Routen.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Bruce Mills; their daughter, Audrey Hicks; and grandchildren: Paul Spence, Samuel Spence, and Henry Hicks; brothers: Tom (Beth) Fletcher, Mike (Linda) Fletcher, and Jim Fletcher; as well as several nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends: Sherrie and Mike Kelly, and Irene Hause; and too many other loving friends to count.

Pat was born March 7, 1943, in Little Rock, Ark. After graduating from Benton High School, she went on to graduate from Northwest Missouri State University in 1965, then married Bruce on Oct. 7, 1971.

She completed her master's in education at Ball State in 1982, with two small children at home. Pat was a writer and editor at the Muncie Star Press, where she had a long running, award winning Saturday column which often reflected on her family life. She went on to teach Journalism at Ball State from 1988-2006. Pat was a member of Friends Memorial Church for many years. She also was a voice in Masterworks Chorale, one of her fondest achievements.

Pat was always seen with a cup of coffee nearby and her beaming smile that lit up a room. She will be missed for her wry wit, intellect, and devoted love. There is no service planned at this time.

The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, is in charge of arrangements, and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

Lillian Barchalk

Oct. 31, 1924 – Nov. 25, 2020

Lillian Barchalk, 96, of St. Joseph passed away peacefully Nov. 25, 2020, at home surrounded by her daughters.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1924, on the family farm in Sodus to Stanley and Bernice (Mileski) Rogalski. Life was good with three brothers and one sister. She attended the small Shanghai School nearby. Lillian graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1943.

She married Stanley Barchalk in January 1945 in Watervliet Catholic Church and began their 67 years of life together. From this union came six children: Michalene, Delores, Judy, Karen, John and Jeri Ann.

From running Stan's Gulf Station to waitressing at Bill Knapp's, and then onto the Coloma Dairy Queen for 25 years, her main goal was to take car of her family. She did this very well and we are so thankful. She was a member of St. John's Church for many years.

She is survived by her daughters: Michalene Reeves, Delores (Ed) Yetzke, Judy Barchalk-Shirley, and Karen Barchalk; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She will be united in death with her parents; her husband; two children: John and Jeri Ann; and her siblings: Jim, Chester, Max and Virginia Woodley.

There will be a family celebration of Lillian's life at a later date.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Take apart
5 Young fox
8 Whale school
11 Cultivate
12 Antiquity
14 Major rd.
15 Theater award
16 Wallet stuffers
17 Bullfight cheer
18 Bug out
20 Sudden outpourings
22 Author Umberto —
23 Tumult
24 Salad days
27 During
29 Apollo assent (hyph.)
30 Mesas
34 Bikers' maneuvers
37 Cen. units
38 Dots in "la mer"
39 Sherlock's lady friend
41 Gumbo veggie
43 Pursue
44 Connive
46 Video companion
49 Earl Grey
50 Revival shout
52 Drops the ball
54 Golfer — Woosnam
55 Took legal action
56 Flow slowly
57 ER personnel
58 Distress signal
59 White precipitation

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2 Seizes
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6 Am — — time?
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8 ID need
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25 Cry of delight
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27 Yeasty brews
28 Adv. degs.
30 Deep-dish dessert
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35 Colleen's home
36 Andes ruminants
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44 Commotion
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51 Want-ad abbr.
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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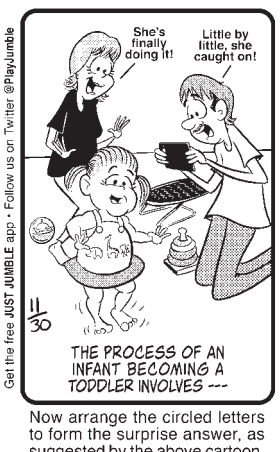
SELSB

WPARSL

BERROD


She's finally doing it!
Little by little, she caught on!
THE PROCESS OF AN INFANT BECOMING A TODDLER INVOLVES ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FAULT LOFTY STYLUS IMMUNE
Answer: They thoroughly enjoyed the flavors of their food in a restaurant that was decorated — TASTEFULLY

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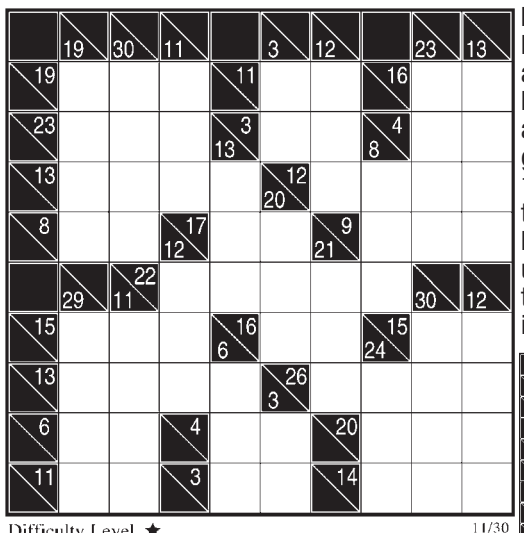
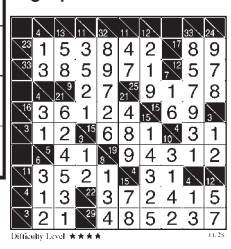
KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★ 11/30



BRIDGE

A sign spotted on a shop door read: "Push – if that doesn't work, Pull. If that doesn't work either, that's because we are closed."

If you are hoping to receive a ruff, you have to find an open door to partner's hand, an entry.

This deal was fun for East-West. How did the defense go against four spades after West led her singleton club?

South described his hand well with the immediate jump to four spades – a strong eight-card suit and little else.

Declarer won the first trick with dummy's club jack, and East signaled with the nine, the higher-ranking of the other two side suits.

South played a trump and, when East discarded, won with his ace and continued with the spade queen. West won with her king and shifted to the heart two, the low card guaranteeing an honor in the suit.

East, trusting his partner, won with the heart queen and led the club eight for partner to ruff. (West had to be void because with the queen-10 doubleton, she would have led the queen, not the 10.)

West knew that she could give her partner the lead with a heart to the ace. Then another club would promote the spade 10 as a winner. However, it seemed that South had started with 8=2=1=2 distribution. If so, after a heart to the ace and a club, South would discard his diamond, making a loser-on-loser play. Anticipating this, West cashed the diamond ace before playing a second heart. Then the third club resulted in down three.

North 11-30-20
♠ 8
♥ 8 4
♦ K Q J 9 8
♣ A K J 4 3

West
♠ K 10 6 5
♥ K 10 6 5 2
♦ A 6 3
♣ 10

East
♠ —
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ 10 7 5 4
♣ 9 8 7 5 2

South
♠ A Q J 9 7 4 3 2
♥ J 7
♦ 2
♣ Q 6

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		1♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

		5	7	2	1	9		
1	7	9	5		3	2	4	
			9			7	1	
3			8		7		5	
	9			1			6	
	4		3		6			1
	1	4			2			
	5	7	1		9	6	2	4
		6	4	8	5	1		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	4	8	9	7	2	3	1	5
3	5	9	1	4	6	8	2	7
1	7	2	8	5	3	4	6	9
9	8	6	3	1	5	2	7	4
2	1	7	6	8	4	9	5	3
4	3	5	7	2	9	1	8	6
7	6	4	2	3	8	5	9	1
8	9	3	5	6	1	7	4	2
5	2	1	4	9	7	6	3	8

OBITUARIES

Nanette M. Kuelbs

Aug. 11, 1952 – Nov. 27, 2020

Nanette Marie Kuelbs, 68, of Niles passed away Nov. 27, 2020, peacefully in her home.

Nanette was born on Aug. 11, 1952, in Benton Harbor to Clarence and Joyce (Kelly) Eichler. She attended St. Joseph High School and graduated with the Class of 1970.

Nanette worked at Clark Equipment in Benton Harbor. Later, she worked various jobs within Brandywine schools, including cafeteria, managing the Bobcat Spirit Store, and as a special education teacher's aide. She developed a close relationship with so many of the teachers, administrators and students at the schools. It was a great joy to her to help teach the special education students valuable everyday life skills.

Nanette enjoyed the beauty of the outdoors – from the wild woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. She could sit for hours at her and Don's cabin just enjoying the quiet and watching the woods. Nothing brought her more joy than her cabin filled with her grandchildren, son and daughter in-law. You could also find her relaxing to the sound of the surf in Cabo San Lucas, and maybe waiting for the happy hour bell to sound for a margarita.

Nanette is survived by her loving husband, Donald Kuelbs, of Niles; her son, Michael (Courtney) of Granger; her grandchildren, the light of her life, Abigail, Luke and Samuel; her sisters, Pamela (Michael) Jennings of Berrien Springs and Patricia (Mark) Frego of Brighton, Mich.; her parents, Clarence and Joyce Eichler of St. Joseph; brothers-in-law, Ronald (Gail) Kuelbs of Coloma and John Kuelbs of Watervliet.

Memorial donations can be made to the Michigan Children with Special Needs Fund, P.O. Box 30734, Lansing, MI 48909 (www.michigan.gov/csnfund).

At Nanette's request, a private viewing for immediate family will be held.

Brown Funeral Home of Niles, www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com, is handling arrangements.

Douglas J. Mackinder

Aug. 17, 1938 – Nov. 25, 2020

Douglas J. Mackinder passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side Nov. 25, 2020.

Doug was the son of Norris "Mac" and Evelyn Mackinder, born on Aug. 17, 1938, in Kalamazoo. He graduated from Kalamazoo College and Detroit College of Law and practiced real estate and probate law from 1963 until he retired in 2016 at Olds and Mackinder in Hartford, Mich.

He was an avid golfer, was a member of the South Haven Men's Chorus, a member of his church choir, and spent many an hour at his local coffee shops. If asked, he would say his greatest joy was watching his grandchildren play sports, cheering on the University of Michigan basketball and football teams, and spending time with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Georgia Ann Freestone, whom he married on June 9, 1963; his daughters: Heather Valenziano of St. Joseph, and Rebecca (Brian) Wells of Chicago; grandchildren: Francesca, Jack, and Aiden; brothers: Dennis Mackinder, and Ron Prentice; his brother-in-law, Don Freestone; his sister-in-law, Dayla Mackinder; and his nieces: Tonda (Leon) Dimond, Tammy (Terry) Ridenour, Jennifer Hescott and Jeanine (Jeff) Jakobcic.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Larry Mackinder; and sister-in-law, Rosemarie Freestone.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and a private burial will occur at a later date. In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations can be made to the First Congregational Church of Bangor, Grand Junction Congregational Church or Hospice of Southwest Michigan.

Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Shirley J. Scott

June 18, 1934 – Nov. 25, 2020

Shirley J. Scott, 86, of Frankenmuth, Mich., passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at her home.

Shirley Kirby was born on June 18, 1934, in Benton Township, to the late Floyd and Bertha Kirby.

She was married to Ross G. Scott on Aug. 8, 1952; he predeceased her on May 17, 1994.

Shirley was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fremont, Mich., as well as a former member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mayville, Mich.

Surviving are her beloved children: Beth (Jerry) Roberts of Okemos, Mich., Michele (Jeff) Steele of Frankenmuth, Gina (Joel) Pruis of Carmel, Ind.; grandchildren: Christopher (Alyssa) Roberts, Jonathan Roberts and his fiancée Emily Daubert, Emily Roberts and her fiancé Thomas Gohndrone, Alexander Scott, Jacob (Kristin) Pruis, Kirby (Adam) Woodall, Jordan Pruis, Rose Jean (Michael) Easthouse, Carol (Josh) Rosenau, Allison Steele, Robert Steele; great-grandchildren: Evelyn Roberts, Clayton Roberts, Nolan Pruis, Charlotte Pruis; brothers and sisters: Dorothy Cross, Maxine Mock, Joyce (David) Stewart; and her many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, Ross G. Scott, Shirley was predeceased by her brother and sister: William Kirby and Helen Cassidy.

Private funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, 1030 W. Tuscola, Frankenmuth, Mich. Burial will take place at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Lutheran World Relief and the Eastern Michigan Food Bank.

Arrangements entrusted to Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth, 590 N. Franklin St. Please sign our guest book or share an online condolence with the family at www.cederbergfh.com.

Dixon Loiland Bieri

Dr. Dixon Loiland Bieri, 90, of Benton Harbor passed away peacefully at home Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 220 Church St., St. Joseph. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Burial will take place at North Shore Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Evan Scholars Foundation. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com

Dale Allan Leighty

May 25, 1930 – Nov. 25, 2020

Dale Allan Leighty, 90, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Dale was born on May 25, 1930, in Kalamazoo to the late John and Athol (Hartman) Leighty.

On July 18, 1969, Dale married the love of his life, Deborah Jean Atkins. Together they raised three children.

Dale was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and served in Okinawa during the Korean War. While there, he was valued as a clerk typist because he could type 90 words per minute.

He worked in the banking industry in Southwest Michigan for more than 30 years, and in 1995, retired from Chemical Bank, where he was the assistant vice president.

Throughout his life, music was his favorite hobby. He taught himself to play piano by ear, and he enjoyed singing in various musical groups, including several barbershop quartets.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, John and Athol; his sister, Mary; and his son, Jeffery.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; his son, Christopher of Bridgman; his daughter, Sara (Chad) of Sawyer; and his grandchildren.

No funeral or memorial service is immediately planned. The family will notify loved ones in the future when a service is scheduled.

Memorials can be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland.

William Ross Mackey

Aug. 11, 1937 – Nov. 26, 2020

William Ross Mackey, 83, of Three Oaks passed away Thursday, Nov 26, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka.

Ross was born on Aug. 11, 1937, to Wilbert "Bill" and Virginia (Rogers) Mackey in Rensselaer, Ind. He graduated from Argos Community High School.

On May 17, 1964, he married Linda Swing in Rensselaer. In Ross's early years, he was very involved in Rocket football and little league, especially as his son Mike was playing. He was an avid fan of Notre Dame football and the Chicago Bears. Ross served 10 years with the Indiana National Guard and was a member of the Three Oaks American Legion, Post 204. Most of all he cherished time spent with his family.

Ross is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda Mackey; children: Andrea (Tim) Schopbach of Niles, Kelly Mackey of Three Oaks, and Mike (Sara) Mackey of Anthem, Ariz.; grandchildren: Michaela, Emma and Caitlyn Schopbach, Tyler and Leah Mackey; and sister, Eunice (Kurt) Franke of Ft. Myers, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Bill and Virginia Mackey.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Sommerfeld Chapel, New Buffalo. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.sommerfeldchapel.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Three Oaks American Legion, Post 204, 204 W Linden St., Three Oaks, MI 49128.

Josephine Henke

Nov. 12, 1966 – Nov. 25, 2020

Josephine Jaffray "JJ" Henke, 54, of St. Joseph passed away Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Benton Harbor-St. Joseph YMCA, 3665 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or the Humane Society – Southwestern Michigan Yeager Family Pet Shelter, 5400 S Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

JJ was born on Nov. 12, 1966, in Seattle, Wash., to Joseph and Lydia (Bayne) Henke. In 1984, she graduated from the Urban School of San Francisco and continued her education by earning her bachelor's degree from Smith College in 1989, and a master's degree in library science from Indiana University.

On Aug. 21, 1993, JJ married the love of her life, Stephen Allen, in Essex, N.Y. For nearly 15 years, JJ worked as a librarian at Lincoln Township Library. After leaving the library, she began doing freelance editing while also taking computer and business classes at Lake Michigan College. JJ loved reading, knitting and spending time tending to her garden.

JJ is survived by her father, Joseph Henke; stepmother, Julie Speidel; stepfather, Roger Simon; loving husband of 27 years, Stephen; sister, Susanna Henke; niece, Lucie Grout; nephew, Silas Grout; several stepsiblings; and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lydia.

Gerald F. Wagemaker

Dec. 12, 1939 – Nov. 26, 2020

Gerald F. "Jerry" Wagemaker, 80, of St. Joseph passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020, with his family by his side.

Jerry was born on Dec. 12, 1939, to Harold and June (Cornelius) Wagemaker in Newark, N.Y. He graduated from Fairport High School and began his career as an insulator. Jerry worked as an insulator for over 50 years, retiring in 1988.

On Sept. 30, 1961, he married Sonja Rowell.

Jerry was an avid outdoorsman, and especially enjoyed being on Lake Michigan, fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed woodworking, making several items found all around the house and garden. Most of all, Jerry cherished his family.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Sonja Wagemaker; son, Dana (Tammy) Wagemaker; grandchildren; Heather Overton and Jacob Wagemaker; and great-grandchildren: Raeghan and Thaniel "Thane" Overton.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Harold and June Wagemaker; and son, Scott Wagemaker.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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Death notices

Charles Bakeman, 90, of Niles died Nov. 27, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Lillian Barchalk, 96, of St. Joseph died Nov. 25, 2020. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

William Barchett, 75, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 26, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Dr. Dixon Loiland Bieri, 90, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 29, 2020. Starks & Mechinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Winfried "Fred" Breitkreuz, 81, of St. Joseph died Nov. 24, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Donald Burnham, 73, of Dowagiac died Nov. 29, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles 683-1155.

Merrill Cady, 64, of Niles died Nov. 26, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Max Clipfell, 63, of South Whitley, Ind., formerly of Colon, Mich., died Nov. 25, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Josephine Edinger, 96, of Sodus died Nov. 29, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Charles H. Forster, 73, of Jones died Nov. 25, 2020, at Comfort Place Hospice House in Mishawaka, Ind. Newell Chapel and Cremation Services, Decatur, 423-2561.

John Green, 68, of Niles died Nov. 28, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Josephine Jaffray "JJ" Henke, 54, of St. Joseph died Nov. 25, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Nanette Marie Kuelbs, 68, of Niles died Nov. 27, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Valentin Malik-Nelson Lear, infant, died Nov. 27, 2020. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Dale Allan Leighty, 90, died Nov. 25, 2020. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

William Ross Mackey, 83, of Three Oaks died Nov 26, 2020. Sommerfeld Chapel and Cremation Services, New Buffalo, 469-2233.

Douglas J. Mackinder, 82, died Nov. 25, 2020. Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Bangor, 427-7551.

Arlene E. McCartney, 83, of Dowagiac died Nov. 26, 2020, at her sister's home in Clarkston, Mich. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Pat Mills, 77, of Muncie, Ind., died Nov. 19, 2020. The Meeks Mortuary, Muncie, Ind., 765-288-6669.

Kenneth Wayne Rodrigues, 76, of Dowagiac died Nov. 29, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

William "Dave" Rutherford, 72, of Dowagiac died Nov. 28, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Shirley J. Scott, 86, of Frankenmuth, Mich., died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020. Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth, 989-652-9991.

Ronald L. Szoke Sr., 73, of St. Joseph died Nov. 28, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks and Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Gerald F. "Jerry" Wagemaker, 80, of St. Joseph died Nov. 26, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

James Richard Wolf, 82, of South Haven died Nov. 30, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Valentin Malik-Nelson Lear

Oct. 5, 2020 – Nov. 27, 2020

Valentin Malik-Nelson Lear passed away Friday, Nov. 27, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of life gathering will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Clark Chapel, 405 Center St., Dowagiac. Memorial contributions in Valentin's name may be made to the family in care of Destiny Reed or Antonio Lear. Those wishing to leave a condolence for the family online may do so at www.clarkch.com.

Valentin was born on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, to Antonio Lear and Destiny Reed in Niles. He is survived by his parents; grandparents: Tracy (Levie Williams) Lear, Adi (Clenzie) Kyles, and Harry Reed; great-grandparents: Barbara Lear and David Lear; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, all who loved Valentin dearly.

Valentin was preceded in death by his great-grandma, Karen Flournoy; and great-great-grandparents: Fred and Margret Barnes.

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1995 – 25 years ago

Prancer Day will be celebrated at Three Oaks Elementary School in honor of the movie that was filmed in Three Oaks about a reindeer with magical powers. Santa Claus will be at the new band shell at Dewey Cannon Park. Youngsters will be able to pet reindeer at the park.

1985 – 35 years ago

The Three Oaks Township Board has nominated two buildings in the township for state designation as historical buildings. The buildings nominated are Township Hall, built in 1866, at 8 Linden St., and Spring Creek School, built in 1886, at the corner of Donner and Three Oaks roads. The board's nominations will be sent to the Michigan Historical Commission.

1970 – 50 years ago

A 19-year-old South Haven youth has thrown his hat into the city's political arena. Phillip Radke, a sophomore at Lake Michigan College, has taken out a petition to run for a four-year term as alderman of the city's Third Ward. Radke applied for the petition while registering to vote under Attorney General Frank Kelly's opinion that those younger than 18 be allowed to register until the U.S. Supreme Court decides on the constitutionality of the issue. The city charter places no age restriction on officeholders.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 1, the 336th day of 2020. There are 30 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a Black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by Blacks.

On this date:

In 1860, the Charles Dickens novel "Great Expectations" was first published in weekly serial form.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow-citizens, we can not escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves."

In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note.

In 1942, during World War II, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States; the goal was not so much to save on gas, but to conserve rubber (as in tires) that was desperately needed for the war effort.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1990, British and French workers digging the Channel Tunnel between their countries finally met after knocking out a passage in a service tunnel.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Snow Likely	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
36°	26°	44° / 32°	42° / 33°	41° / 34°	43° / 35°

Local Outlook

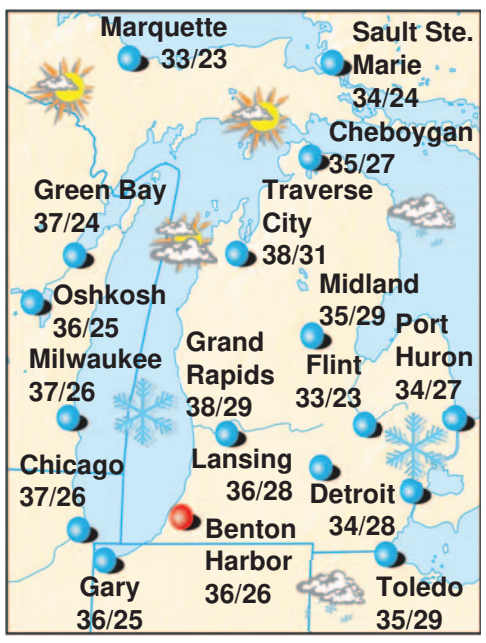
Today we will see cloudy skies with an 80% chance of snow, high temperature of 36°, humidity of 72%. Northwest wind 18 to 22 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 26°. Northwest wind 9 to 18 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:55 a.m.
Sunset	5:14 p.m.
Moonrise	6:15 p.m.
Moonset	9:04 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
12/7	12/14	12/21	12/29

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	35°
Low	31°
Normal High	41°
Normal Low	27°
Record High	63° in 1998
Record Low	19° in 2007

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.79"
Normal for month	3.33"
Year to date	32.03"
Normal Year to date	35.33"

Air Quality

Yesterday	46
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

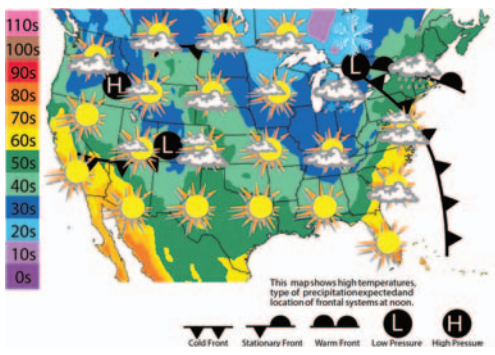
Weather Trivia

Which is denser, dry or humid air? ?

Answer: Dry air.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Dec. 1, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NW wind around 22 kt, with gusts as high as 29 kt. A chance of rain and snow showers. Waves 8 to 9 ft. Water temperature 39 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny to cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 30s. Northwest wind 25 mph. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with highs in the 30s and 40s. West northwest wind 15 to 21 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow, highs in the 30s. Northwest wind 18 to 22 mph. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with highs in the 40s. West wind 2 to 9 mph.

TAX

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In addition, the Community Stabilization Plan asks lawmakers to amend the Open Meetings Act so elected bodies can continue to meet virtually beyond Dec. 31, and to make changes to the state's property tax laws so that Proposal A and the Headlee Act work as they were intended to work.

Mayors warned that COVID-19 is permanently closing businesses and reducing occupancy for retail and office space, which could reduce property values and result in cuts to tax revenue.

Bliss also stressed that the plan does not raise taxes.

"What it does is it ensures that the primary revenue system, the revenue streams that all of our local governments rely on to provide essential services, can continue to work as intended in spite of the global pandemic that we all are living through," she said.

Local governments have long complained that municipalities cannot benefit from market growth in existing property values. They want to let millage rates be adjusted up and down depending on how values track with inflation, and to change a "rollback" formula – though the odds of legislators finding consensus on an issue as significant as property taxes in a matter of weeks are low.

A link to the news conference can be found on the Michigan Municipal League's Facebook page.

In addition to Grand Rapids, Detroit, Lansing and many other of the state's largest cities levy city income taxes.

Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad said he wasn't part of the news conference, but he was one of several mayors who signed a letter asking lawmakers to approve the Community Stabilization Plan.

MUHAMMAD

He said Benton Harbor has collected about $1.5 million annually since the city income tax went into effect on Jan. 1, 2018. That money is being used to partially finance a planned $15 million worth of construction work, which got underway this fall.

Muhammad said if the work has to be delayed, it will have a trickle down effect to the local contractors who were hired to do the work.

"We won't know the chilling effect until the actual facts come out," he said.

Westland Mayor William Wild, board president of MML, said during the news conference that unless the Michigan Legislature acts quickly, the revenue losses will result in drastic cuts to public safety, infrastructure, parks and other vital services in the affected cities.

"There was no way any organization could have planned for COVID-19 or the longevity of the pandemic," he said.

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The Associated Press contributed to this story.

CHURCH

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Piles of rubble are pictured at the site of the former St. Joseph Church of the Nazarene. Don Campbell / HP staff

quick as they can," which is why the church was demolished before winter.

ClearPath Development owns more than a dozen assisted living and memory care facilities in Missouri, Michigan, Kentucky and Mississippi.

Boyd said the company has another two on the east side of Michigan.

"When they saw the property and that it was for sale, it didn't take them long to say, 'We want this lot,'" Boyd said. "It's perfect for a senior living facility."

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HAMMOND

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I'm a little worried about what's going to happen to revenue sharing, which will determine our budget, but we'll make it through.

I also have two new commissioners who stepped up and ran for commission. They're younger and both seem like really wonderful and smart people. I'm anxious to work with them because we need to start evolving with some new blood.

You've headed up the Public Works Committee for a while. Will you stay in that position?

I just reassigned committees this week and Linda Freitag will move into that position. After spending so many years with public works, I will of course be in the background watching closely.

And you're still involved in the Coloma DDA?

Yes, but it has taken on a new role. The mayor is on the DDA and is a voting position. So it won't be a paying job anymore. I told them, no matter the role, I'll always be involved in it.

The work I've been doing with the DDA is, I think, the most rewarding of what I've done.

What do you do when you're not serving the city?

I love going to flea markets and estate sales. When my sister and I bought the building that we live in, in right downtown Coloma, no one had lived there in 48 years. Outside of the plumbing and electrical, we really did all the work ourselves. So there's always projects around the house to work on. I love taking old things and repurposing them.

And my family. I have a great niece that is very important to me, and two great nephews that are the light of my life.

Is there anything else you'd like to say or make sure that I include that I didn't ask?

Someone asked me recently what my proudest moment as mayor pro-tem was and I said, navigating the city through the last six months. It's been very challenging, but I've got a great staff.

The two girls in the office at city hall – I just can't say enough about them. Martha, our clerk who we lost two weeks before the election, was wonderful. The public works guys are fantastic. My commissioners, I wouldn't be able to do what I do without them. I have to give thanks to all of them. It's not a one-person job; it's truly a team effort.

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hp SPORTS

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Wilson Chandler of the Brooklyn Nets plays during an NBA game against the Philadelphia 76ers in February. Chandler, a Benton Harbor graduate, has signed to play with the Zhejiang Lions in China for a second time.

Finding peace

Benton Harbor grad Wilson Chandler happy with decision to leave NBA for China again

By KRISTIAN WINFIELD
New York Daily News (TNS)

"Everybody's like 'you bored?' Nah, I'm good. 'No chicks?' I'm good. I think it was something that I needed personally, and I know a lot of people may not understand that."

WILSON CHANDLER

Benton Harbor graduate Wilson Chandler didn't leave the NBA to play in China for nothing. He went looking for peace and balance.

Chandler, who spent last season with the Brooklyn Nets, signed with the Zhejiang Lions of the Chinese Basketball Association this offseason. Chandler previously played for Zhejiang during the NBA lockout in the 2011-12 season.

It was an interesting decision considering Chandler is only 32 years old, plays the forward spot, can defend multiple positions and is a career 34 percent three-point shooter.

"People ask me, 'Why did you go to China? You could have possibly won a ring if you stayed with the Nets with KD and Kyrie both being healthy and having Caris (LeVert) and Spencer (Dinwiddie) and all the other guys on the team,' Chandler said on Episode 5 of The Realm Podcast. "But I felt like I needed a change. I felt like I needed peace of mind, to get away. Being here makes you appreciate things."

For Chandler, living in China makes him appreciate the little things, things he says he loses focus on while living in the United States.

"I think I just needed that change of environment and that change mentally, just to find peace within myself and get away and be here and just focus on being happy and being happy playing basketball," he continued. "Loving the sport, not playing for a paycheck. Not playing for family. Not playing for fans and stuff. That was the biggest thing for me. I'm honestly happy with my decision. Ever since I've been here, I've been cool, I've been chillin'.

"Everybody's like 'you bored?' Nah, I'm good. 'No chicks?' I'm good. I think it was something that I needed personally, and I know a lot of people may not understand that."

Chandler played 12 NBA seasons and averaged 12.5 points and five rebounds. He spent his first three-and-a-half seasons with the Knicks, where he started 180 total games before his eventual trade to the Denver Nuggets in the Carmelo Anthony deal.

At Benton Harbor, Chandler was named Michigan's Mr. Basketball as a senior in 2005 after leading the Tigers to an undefeated regular season.

Chandler said he continued to hang out in New York after his trade, which made his short stint in Brooklyn more enjoyable.

The Nets signed Chandler at the beginning of last offseason but he missed the first 25 games due to a failed drug test. He eventually returned and averaged six points and four rebounds in 21 minutes per game. Chandler opted not to play in the NBA's resumption of the regular season in the Orlando bubble, citing family health concerns, but still holds the Nets franchise in high regard.

"They're a great organization from my point of view, just making sure you've got all the little things you need. How they treat the lowest person to the highest person, everybody's pretty much equal," he said. "They made it feel like home to me. They were very transparent the way they handled business, just the stuff they did for my family. They made sure my grandmother, my kids had stuff. For me it was comfortable. It was like home, and then the players on the team were cool as hell. All around a great time, a great experience."

Now that he's in China, Chandler said he's been devoting more time to thinking about what his life after basketball looks like. He doesn't think he's going to be able to sit around, retired, and just chill out for the rest of his days.

"That's like the big question. I think about that (stuff) every day. I don't know," he said. "Right now, I've been dabbling in the cannabis industry, so that's what I'm doing right now. That's probably my biggest thing outside of basketball: cannabis, so it's probably going to be something with that."

Bears' defensive struggles sound alarms for coaches

By GENE CHAMBERLAIN
Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Normally the quarterback position troubles the Chicago Bears.

So it's nothing out of the ordinary for them to approach another week without knowing whether Mitchell Trubisky or Nick Foles will play quarterback. What is a real concern is when their defense is leaking.

Bears coach Matt Nagy on Monday challenged his defense to regain its old form to try and snap a five-game losing streak after a 41-25 loss to the Green Bay Packers.

"When we go out there on the field, we expect a three-and-out," Nagy said. "If not a three-and-out, we expect a punt. That's just who we are. When that doesn't happen, it digs us in a hole.

"We're fighting and fighting and you get a deficit like that and it's just hard to overcome. And, oh by the way, it's even more difficult when you're playing Aaron Rodgers."

Rodgers threw for four touchdowns and led three long scoring drives on the Packers' first three possessions in Sunday's victory. It seemed to leave Nagy at a loss to explain as the Bears turned their attention to facing Detroit on Sunday at Soldier Field.

"Whatever it is, I know this: We better wake our tails up," Nagy said. "Every freaking coach on the staff, every player, better wake up and start understanding where we're at. Have some personal pride. Have a freaking sense of urgency."

The Bears had been ranked in the top 10 defensively most of the season, but playing without end Akiem Hicks and lineman Roy Robertson-Harris made it difficult to stop simple Packers runs up the middle. The Packers' 182 rushing yards were the most allowed by the Bears since Dec. 24, 2016, when Washington ran for 208.

"It starts with first and second down (Sunday)," Bears linebacker Khalil Mack said. "They did a lot of things on first and second down, running the ball was one of them. That's not acceptable for us.

"We gave up way too much first and second downs, let them run the ball at will."

Hicks has a hamstring injury and is day to day. His status for the Lions game is uncertain.

They're already without Robertson-Harris (shoulder) for the rest of the year due and have been without starting nose tackle Eddie Goldman after he opted out due to COVID-19.

The Bears trail Arizona for the last playoff spot by one game and will know more about a quarterback starter for Detroit later in the week. If they don't snap out of this tailspin, it might go beyond missing the playoffs: It's always possible it could mean coaches' jobs.

"Yeah, I mean, what I would say to that is that's all a part of our business," Nagy said. "I mean when we sign up for this every one of us, not just head coaches but coordinators, position coaches, all of our families, we all sign up for that. So you know, that comes along with where we're at."

What's working

The running game made a revival with David Montgomery returning to the lineup. He ran for a season-high 103 yards, based largely on a career-long 57-yard run. The Bears rushed for 122 yards as a team, their most since Week 3.

"I thought David ran really hard," Nagy said. "I thought the line blocked well for him. David's a hard runner now. He cares immensely about this game. He's going to give it every ounce that he has."

What needs help

Third-down and red-zone defense was poor for the Bears against Green Bay. They led the league in both categories coming into the game, but gave up touchdowns on four of Green Bay's five possessions in the red zone and allowed 6 of 11 conversions on third downs.

Stock up

WR Allen Robinson. For the first time since Week 13 of last season, Robinson made more than one touchdown catch in a game. He had TDs of 1 and 6 yards from Trubisky as the two reconnected for the first time since Trubisky was benched during the third game.

"I thought it was solid," Robinson said. "Obviously there's a couple plays that everybody would want back in that game, but I thought it was decent."

Stock down

Mack went without a sack for the third straight game. He has made nine total tackles for the three games without making a hit on a quarterback.

"You gotta understand this situation, get ready for next week, throw this one in the trash, get ready," Mack said.

Stafford's future in flux as Lions await new direction … again

By DAVE BIRKETT
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

The easy thing to do for whoever is in charge of leading the next iteration of your Detroit Lions is to ride Matthew Stafford into the sunset of his career. But if this organization is serious about remaking itself into a perennial Super Bowl contender, having and executing a new long-term vision at the quarterback position is where it begins.

Stafford is the best quarterback most Lions fans have rooted for in their lifetime, and it's possible now is not the absolute time to move on.

That option, though, must at least be on the table as the franchise embarks on what could be an arduous rebuild.

Stafford's long-term future in Detroit has been a topic of endless discussion in recent years, mostly from media types pontificating about what the team should do. Few in the organization have seemed willing to embrace change at quarterback, for obvious reasons, and Stafford has genuinely enjoyed playing in Detroit.

But ESPN analyst Dan Orlovsky, Stafford's good friend and former teammate, gave credence to the idea Stafford and the team would consider a mutual parting when I talked to him this summer.

"I'll keep it 100 with you," Orlovsky said at the time. "Like, listen, he's either going to win there this year or a winner's going to come get him. ... Maybe I'm stupid and naive and biased, I just think eventually he'll either win there or will be on a winner (somewhere else if he doesn't) because of it."

Orlovsky went a step further Saturday on Twitter after the Lions fired head coach Matt Patricia and general manager Bob Quinn, writing the time has come for a "full start over and move on from Stafford."

Brian Blanco / AP

Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford passes against the against the Carolina Panthers during the first half of a Nov. 22 game.

"It's time from both the organization standpoint and the players position as well," Orlovsky wrote. "It didn't work out."

Whether Orlovsky is speaking for Stafford only he knows, but either way his point rings true: Neither Stafford nor the organization has reached the heights they hoped when the Lions took Stafford with the No. 1 pick of the 2009 draft, and both might be better off going their own way in 2021.

Whoever the Lions hire as their chief football decision maker will have tight turns to navigate when it comes to Stafford's future, which is why his long-term vision for the quarterback position is paramount.

Stafford, who turns 33 in February, has two years left on the contract extension he signed in 2017, and trading him, by my calculations, would leave the Lions with a dead money cap hit of $19.45 million.

That's not ideal in a shrinking salary cap environment, though it can be managed. But the bigger issue would be the void trading Stafford would leave – one that, given how difficult it is to live in No Man's Quarterback Land in the NFL, can only rightfully be filled by finding a successor in the draft.

Entering Sunday, the Lions project to have the ninth pick in the 2021 draft, which leaves them in no position – even if they acquire an extra first-round pick by trading Stafford – to take top quarterback prospects Trevor Lawrence or Justin Fields.

The two worst teams in the NFL this season, the New York Jets and Jacksonville Jaguars, seem locked into taking quarterbacks with the top two picks, and the Lions will be jockeying with several other quarterback-needy teams – Washington, the Carolina Panthers and maybe the Atlanta Falcons – for draft position.

Moving on from Stafford would have been easier last year, when the Lions had the third pick of the draft and their choice of future stars Justin Herbert or Tua Tagovailoa. They passed on both, and now must wait their turn to attack the position.

BYU's Zach Wilson, North Dakota State's Trey Lance and Florida's Kyle Trask are all first-round possibilities, but none has the star quality of Lawrence or Fields, and none is guaranteed to be on the board whenever the Lions pick.

That's problematic in that if the Lions want to trade Stafford – or if Stafford asks for a trade in hopes of finding a better situation – the ideal time to do so would be at the start of free agency in March.

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CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Swamp Thing "Brilliant Disguise" (N)		Tell Me a Story "Lost and Found" (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
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WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Riding Shotgun" CC		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	:01 Storage Wars	:32 Storage Wars
AMC	📽 ★★★ The Polar Express ('04) Voices of Tom Hanks, Michael Jeter. CC				📽 ★★★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ('71) CC		
Animal	Alaskan	Alaskan Bush People: Wild Life (N)				Yukon Men (N)	
BET	6:00 📽 ★ Blue Streak ('99)			📽 ★★ Bad Boys II ('03, Action) CC			
Big Ten	College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. CC			
Bravo	Below Deck "Never Before Scene 804"		Below Deck CC		Don't Be Tardy ...	Don't Be Tardy ...	Watch What
Cartoon	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	Before the Devil	📽 American Woman ('18, Drama) Sienna Miller, Aaron Paul. (P). CC				9:55 📽 American Son ('08) (P).	
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Cheerleaders	
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk
Discovery	Moonshiners	Moonshiners "Interstate Alliance" (N)		Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts "Yuletide Shine" (N) CC			
Disney	Raven	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Raven	Raven
DIY	Barnwood	Building Off the Grid		Unbelievable Builds		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Celebrity Game Face	
ESPN	College Basketball: Champions Classic				College Basketball		
ESPN2	College Basketball			Basket	College Basketball		
ESPNC	6:00 MLB Baseball			Classic-Boxing		Boxing	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	MHSAA Football Classics					Spartans
Freefrm	★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York	:20 📽 ★★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas ('00, Children's) Jim Carrey, Jeffrey Tambor. CC					
FX	Now You See Me	📽 ★★ Skyscraper ('18, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell, Chin Han. CC				📽 ★★ Skyscraper ('18) CC	
Golf	PGA	Golf's Greatest Rounds (N) CC					Central
Hallmark	Picture a Perfect	📽 Heart of the Holidays ('20, Romance) Vanessa Lengies, Corey Sevier. CC				📽 Good Morning Christmas! ('20) CC	
HBO	:00 The Undoing	The Undoing "The Bloody Truth" CC		:15 📽 ★★★ Amistad ('97) Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins. CC			
History	Oak Is	Digging Deeper		Curse-Island		Beyond Oak Island	
HGTV	Fixer to	Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Welcome	Fat Fabulous		Fat Fabulous		Welcome	
Lifetime	Christmas Vine	📽 People Presents: Once Upon a Main Street ('20, Drama) Vanessa Lachey. CC				:03 📽 Dear Christmas ('20) CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Teen Mom 2 (N)		Catfish: The TV		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Life-	White Sox Rewind (N)					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. (Taped) CC					
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Atlas of Cursed		Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries CC		Unsolved Mysteries CC		Unsolved Mysteries CC	
Parmt	:00 Movie CC			:15 📽 ★★ Rambo: First Blood Part II			
Showtime	Shameless	Shameless CC		Inside the NFL (N) CC		The Best of All the Smoke	
Starz	6:49 📽 ★★★ Spider-Man 2 ('04, Action) Tobey Maguire. CC			The Spanish Princess "Peace" CC		📽 The Bay of Silence ('20) (P).	
STZENC	:15 📽 ★★★ Big Hero 6 ('14) Voices of Ryan Potter. CC			📽 ★★★ Frozen ('13, Children's) Voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel. CC			
SyFy	6:04 📽 ★★★ Se7en ('95) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman.			📽 ★★ The Day After Tomorrow ('04, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal. CC			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Misery Index
TCM	Holly.-Makeup	Women Make Film CC		:15 📽 ★★★ Crossing Delancey ('88) Amy Irving, Reizl Bozyk, Peter Riegert. CC			
TMC	Hampstead	📽 ★★★ Your Sister's Sister ('11) Emily Blunt. CC			📽 ★★ Home for the Holidays ('95) Holly Hunter. CC		
TNT	Mad Max	📽 ★★★ Gladiator ('00) Russell Crowe. CC (DVS)					
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files "The Business of Horror"				The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		:01 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Martin	📽 ★★ Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself					Chappelle
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Covid causes rift between nurse's boyfriend, his sister

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a nurse in New York City. My boyfriend lives in Philadelphia. During the height of the pandemic, we didn't see each other because I worked on a COVID unit and contracted the virus. His sister became very controlling and kept urging him not to see me, which brought me great pain. I was extremely lonely, and for months, the only people I saw were my co-workers.

At the end of May, my boyfriend and I began seeing each other regularly. Because he sees me, his sister refuses to see him, which makes me very sad. His mother died two years ago.

When his family tries to plan things, his sister either comes late or doesn't show up. If I'm invited, she says she doesn't want to be in the same room as me. I spend a lot of time with my boyfriend and his older father, who he now lives with. His father has never expressed that he feels uncomfortable around me.

I feel like we have to plan things around this sister. I want my boyfriend to spend time with his family, but she's extremely controlling when everyone else in the family seems excited to see me. What do I do? – Uncomfortable Situation

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: I am assuming that if you are again working that you are tested regularly for COVID and therefore in no danger of giving the virus to anyone. Because there has been so much misinformation spread during the pandemic, many people are being extremely cautious – and rightfully so.

If you had a good relationship with your boyfriend's sister before the pandemic began, recognize that she acts the way she does because she's afraid for her life, so stop personalizing it and judging her for it. She has a right to protect herself, even if it seems irrational to you.

DEAR ABBY: As a grandparent, I feel the Christmas gift my husband and I received last year from our granddaughter was a gift of a lifetime. We have enjoyed it all year. It was a gift of memories, written on 12 cards to be opened on the first day of each month. She had inserted each card into an individual envelope, designated with which month it was to be opened. She put them in a box wrapped with a bow and placed it under the tree.

The excitement generated while anxiously awaiting a new month's arrival so the new memory could be read created enthusiasm among the entire family. In each envelope were experiences we had forgotten or never realized had made an impact on her life.

A gift like this requires only time and 12 pieces of paper. The concept could even be reversed so it would be from grandparent to grandchild. Few of us grandparents need material gifts, but the caring, thought and love shown by this gift will remain with us all our lives. – Wanted To Share, Fresno, Calif.

DEAR WANTED TO SHARE: What a precious gift. I have long advocated that the most meaningful gift we can give each other is the gift of self, in the form of time, attention, a handwritten letter or a phone call. Your granddaughter's concept of a "Memory of the Month Club" was ingenious. I congratulate her for it, and I hope it inspires others.

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After a year, the 'all in' feeling still isn't there

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm middle-aged, divorced, but still hoping to share the rest of my life with someone.

A year ago I started dating a great man: treats me well, funny, we have mental and physical chemistry, and I always enjoy our time together. He claims he is sure about me and I ... still don't know about whether this is it for me.

I care deeply about him and appreciate him, but I keep waiting for that moment or day when I wake up and think, I love this man and I'm all in for the future. It's been a year, shouldn't I be there by now?

I want to be patient with myself and my feelings, but then I worry that I'm not being fair to him if, after this long, I'm still evaluating things and he's not. How long is long enough to know? – Keep Waiting

DEAR KEEP WAITING: This could be Part II of yesterday's discussion of the whole idea of a finish line, or reaching a point where we win at life.

Do you like this person? Yes/no. Do you want to keep enjoying his company? Yes/no.

If it's yes and yes, then why does it have to be more than that?

If you're concerned that taking things day by day is somehow not fair to him, then you can certainly tell him you're happy just enjoying his company with no set goal in mind and ask him if he's OK with that. He, then, can decide whether to stay on those terms or go.

I realize that might seem disingenuous of you – to position yourself as comfortable taking things day by day when you just declared you're "still hoping to share the rest of my life with someone." But if you can get yourself to the point of seeing the wisdom of not rushing, and enjoying what you have *unless and until it's clear you want something else*, then you can say that with a straight face.

As a bonus, this would remove from your relationship this arbitrary pressure for Answers, and allow it to follow its own course at its own pace.

REGARDING WAITING: I spent a lot of my early relationship with my boyfriend in a similar mind-set; he seemed all in on me, but I wasn't sure if I felt the same.

I spent months agonizing, but eventually reached the point of, "Do I like spending time with him? Yes. Then I'm just going to keep going until I don't want to spend time with him."

We've been together for more than three years now, and I have reached a place where I can't imagine life without him. But it did take a lot of me trying to get out of my own head about it. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Thanks, very apt. I don't know if it's our conditioning or in our nature, but it is hard work to override the impulse to Figure Out Where This Is Going.

The effort is worth it, though, especially given how much we tend to rationalize away when we're eager to make something work.

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5 Corporate suff.
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11 Farm animal
12 Bleachers cry
13 Victimized
15 Tibet's mountains
17 Measure speed
18 Online info
19 Garbo's homeland
21 Eats fast
24 Summer in Paris
25 Annapolis grad
26 Sapporo sash
27 Spanish city
30 Easy win
32 Groupie
33 Probabilities
37 Comply with
38 Hag's cry
39 Hold up
40 Outline of activities
43 Ms. Hagen
44 Rudder's place
47 — you sure?
48 Chenille items
50 Granola kin
52 Sizable
53 Oregon, to Yves
54 Uncalled-for
59 Mediocre (hyph.)
60 Canine warning
61 Dueler's sword
62 Modern
63 — Salvador
64 Information

DOWN
1 Cry of distaste
2 Me, in Paris
3 Tillis or Dawber
4 Personnel
5 Jordan neighbor
6 Opposing vote
7 Criticized
8 Burlap fiber
9 Put — (save)
10 Arab nation
14 Lairs
16 Keep on going
20 Marry
21 Night crawler
22 Bassoon cousin
23 Cement component
24 She loved Lancelot
28 Donations
29 Caveman Alley —
31 School org.
34 Trounce
35 Be too fond
36 Whirlpool locales
41 Liquid meas.
42 Waterless
44 Iowa town
45 Fold-up mattress
46 Needle or rib
49 Looked at impertinently
51 Store away
52 European capital
55 Distinct period
56 Smog monitoring grp.
57 Place
58 Continent divider

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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	S	P	L	I	T		S	P	A	T	E	S
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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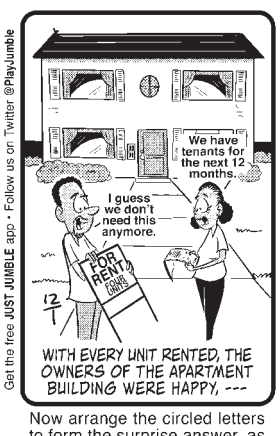
GDDEO

SOYLGS

CTTHAA


Get the free JUST JUMBLE app • Follow us on Twitter @PlayJumble
We have tenants for the next 12 months.
I guess we don't need this anymore.
FOR RENT
WITH EVERY UNIT RENTED, THE OWNERS OF THE APARTMENT BUILDING WERE HAPPY, ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE "_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

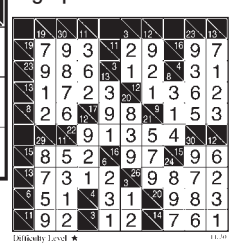
Yesterday's Jumbles: TRULY BLESS SPRAWL BORDER
Answer: The process of an infant becoming a toddler involves — BABY STEPS

KAKURO

	9	15		16	30		11	16	12
4			17			12			
6			16 21			19 20			
23				24 10				14	4
	7	17 17					6 6		
15					21 16				
15			10 19					13	6
	8	7 4				6 4			
18				3			4		
11				12			12		

Difficulty Level ★★ 12/01

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Laurence J. Peter, who was a Canadian educator and "hierarchiologist," wrote, "An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today."

Get out your crystal ball, then predict the final contract and opening lead on this deal from a Bridge Base Online table.

After West passed, I (North) had a choice. I could have passed or opened one of a black suit. 10 high-card points suggested a pass, but only six losers counseled opening. If I were going to bid, in the old days, I would have started with one club to save space in trying to describe my hand. However, these days, most players open one spade – show those majors.

After an opening by me, East would surely show his hearts. Even if I passed, he would presumably open one heart, being allowed to bid a little light in the third position.

After pass – pass – one heart, South would presumably overcall two clubs, which would interest me greatly. I could then make a three-spade fit-showing jump. By a passed hand, a jump shift shows length in the bid suit, length in partner's suit and a maximum.

By now, no doubt, you have worked out who can make what. Despite only a combined 21 high-card points, North-South can make six clubs and six spades with the aid of the winning club finesse. East-West would go down five, minus 1400, in seven hearts doubled, which would be good in a duplicate if the world were scoring 1430 in six spades. However, that is unlikely, I think.

Did you correctly predict what happened at my table?

The auction went pass – pass – pass – pass! So there was no opening lead!

North 12-01-20
♠ A Q J 10 3
♥ 7
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 9 3 2

West
♠ 7 5 2
♥ K Q 8 4
♦ Q J 7 6 5
♣ 5

East
♠ 9 6 4
♥ A J 9 6 2
♦ K 8 2
♣ K 4

South
♠ K 8
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A 10 4
♣ A 10 8 7 6

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
		Pass	??

Opening lead: ??

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

			6	5		2		4
	6			1	7		9	8
2		8		4		1		
8	4			9		7		
	2	1	8		4	3	6	
		9		6			8	1
		2		8		6		7
1	7		9	2			4	
6		4		3	5			

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	8	5	7	2	1	9	3	6
1	7	9	5	6	3	2	4	8
6	2	3	9	4	8	7	1	5
3	6	1	8	9	7	4	5	2
5	9	8	2	1	4	3	6	7
7	4	2	3	5	6	8	9	1
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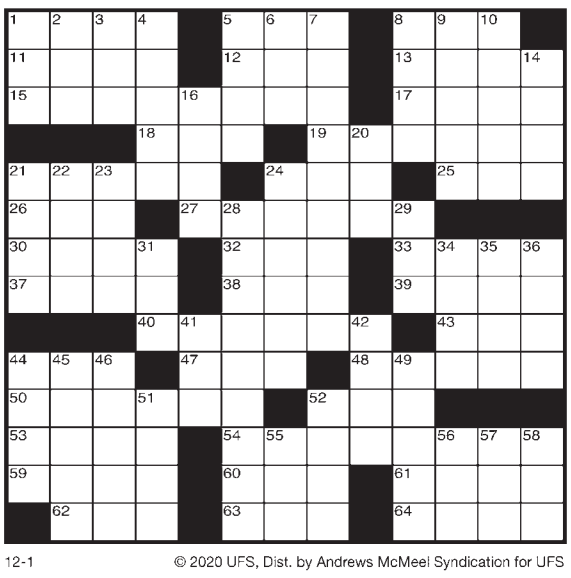

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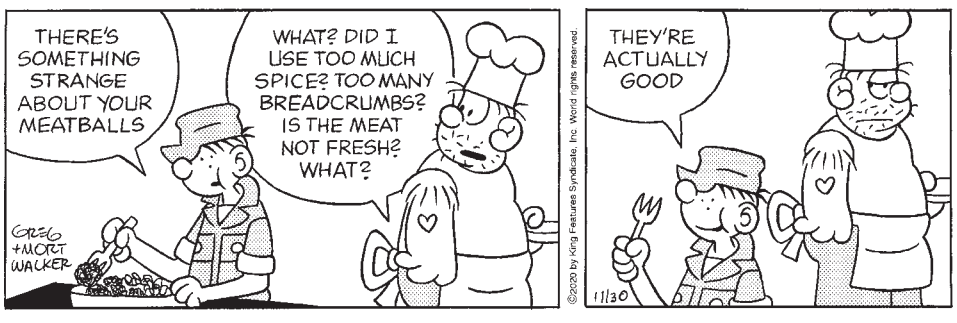
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT YOUR MEATBALLS
WHAT? DID I USE TOO MUCH SPICE? TOO MANY BREADCRUMBS? IS THE MEAT NOT FRESH? WHAT?
GREG + MORT WALKER
THEY'RE ACTUALLY GOOD
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BLONDIE

MY SISTER AND I WANT TO THROW A BIG PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE END OF A FEUD WE'VE HAD SINCE HIGH SCHOOL
WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA!
SO AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK WHY WE'VE BEEN FEUDING ALL THESE YEARS?
OH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S ANY OF MY BUSINESS
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SEE? THAT'S HOW SOMEONE RESPECTS A PERSON'S PRIVACY!
HERE WE GO AGAIN!
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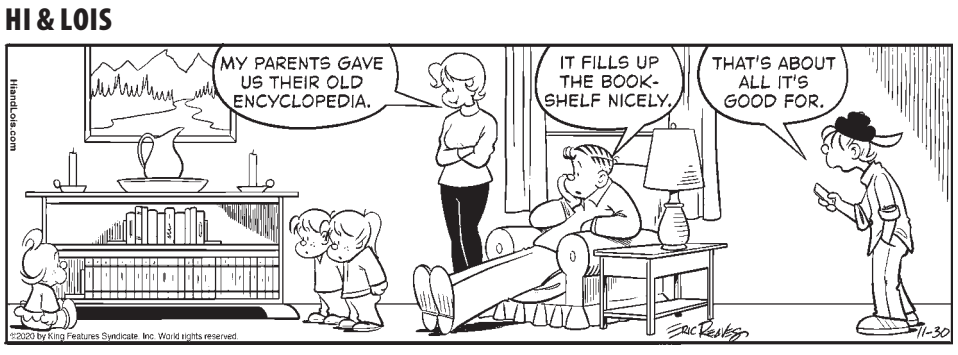
HI & LOIS


MY PARENTS GAVE US THEIR OLD ENCYCLOPEDIA.
IT FILLS UP THE BOOK-SHELF NICELY.
THAT'S ABOUT ALL IT'S GOOD FOR.
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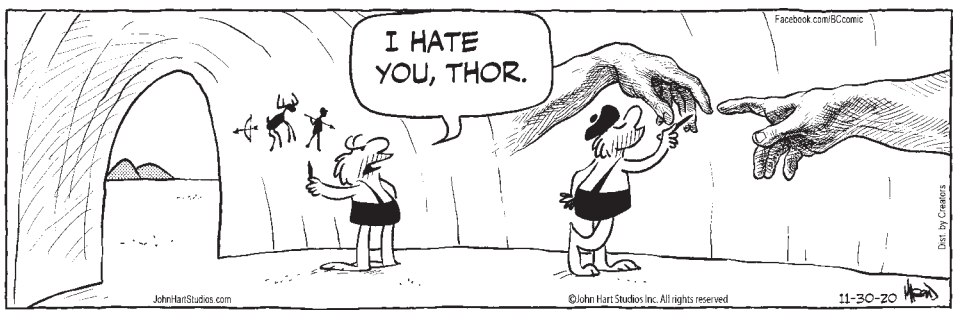

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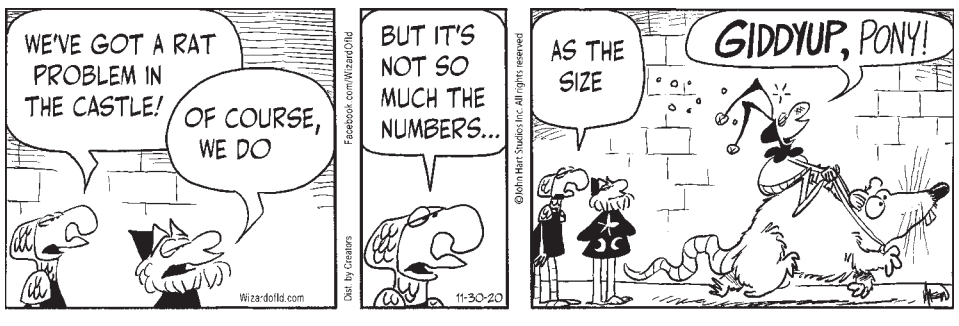

DILBERT

YOU ARGUE WITH EVERYTHING BECAUSE YOU JUST HAVE TO BE RIGHT.
HOW CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO "HAS TO BE RIGHT" VERSUS SOME-ONE WHO IS RIGHT AND YOU NEED THERAPY?
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
YOU'RE DOING IT AGAIN.
OR AM I?
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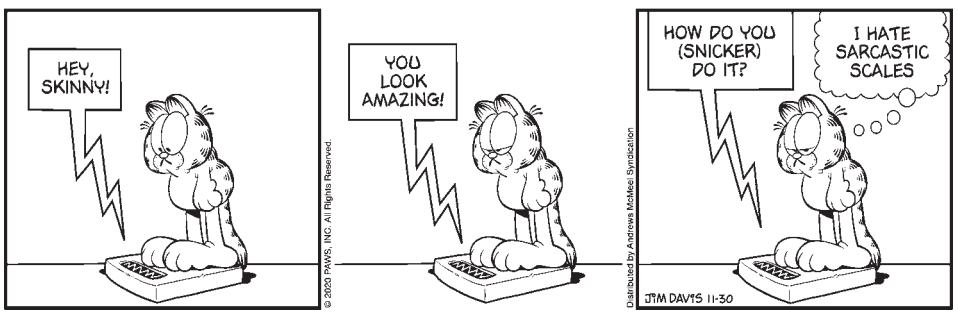
HEY, SKINNY!
YOU LOOK AMAZING!
HOW DO YOU (SNICKER) DO IT?
I HATE SARCASTIC SCALES
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JIM DAVIS 11-30

FORT KNOX

WHY AREN'T YOU WORKING ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT ANYTHING.
THAT'S NUTS! YOU HAVE TO WANT SOMETHING.
FINE.
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT?
A LESS ANNOYING BROTHER.
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PICKLES

WHY MUST YOU BE SO OBSTREPEROUS, EARL?
OBSTREPEROUS?
YES.
AH, HERE IT IS... HEY, THAT'S A GOOD ONE. I LIKE IT.
THANK YOU.
LOOKING UP NEW WORDS TO DESCRIBE WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME IS KIND OF A HOBBY WITH HER.
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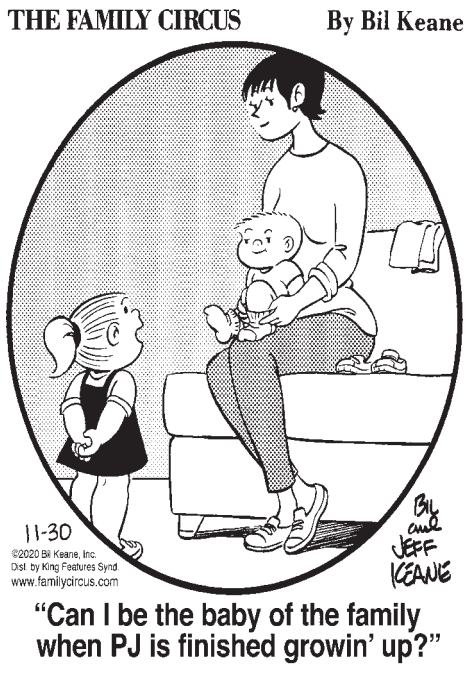
FAMILY CIRCUS


THE FAMILY CIRCUS
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BIL and JEFF KEANE
"Can I be the baby of the family when PJ is finished growin' up?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

OH, YES. HE'S BEEN NAUGHTY FOR SURE!
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
SANTA. HE CALLED ME ON THIS MAGICAL SHOE PHONE.
YOU'RE A LIAR! I MEAN, LET ME TALK TO HIM! HEY!
YEP. THAT'S HIM SCREAMING.
babyblues.com

CURTIS

BARRY TRIED TO EMBARRASS ME ON FACEBOOK...
I'M GLAD YOU WERE THE "BIGGER MAN" AND DIDN'T RETALIATE
KINDNESS IS FREE, EASY TO SPREAD AND BENEFITS THE GIVER AND RECEIVER
YOU INTERRUPTED ME- I SLUGGED HIM IN THE ARM
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ZITS

CLIK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JUST PRESERVING SOME MEMORIES FOR WHEN I GET OLD.
SO MANY AGE JOKES, SO LITTLE TIME.
CAREFUL. I'M ABOUT TO PREPARE YOUR DINNER.
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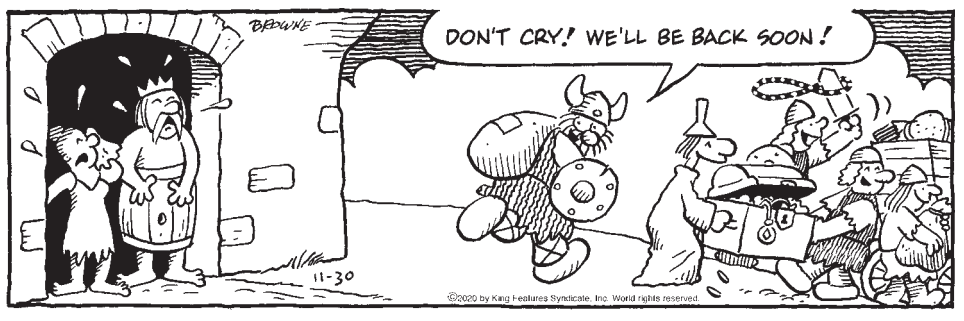
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

WHY AM I GROUNDED IN THE CORNER?
CAUSE YOU LIED. TO ME AND I CAN'T STAND LYING.
RING RING
IF THAT'S ELSI, TELL HER I'M NOT HERE!
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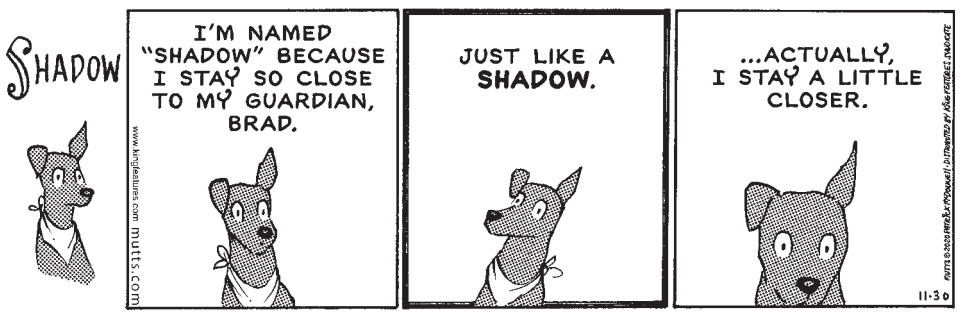
SHADOW
I'M NAMED "SHADOW" BECAUSE I STAY SO CLOSE TO MY GUARDIAN, BRAD.
JUST LIKE A SHADOW.
...ACTUALLY, I STAY A LITTLE CLOSER.
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SALLY FORTH

JUST ONE MORE MONTH TO GO AND WE'RE FINALLY FINISHED WITH 2020.
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AND THEN WHAT?
NOT SURE. WE GOT THAT 2021 WILDLIFE CALENDAR, BUT I'M AFRAID TO OPEN IT UP AND JUST SEE PAGE AFTER PAGE OF ANIMALS STARING OFF INTO THE MIDDLE DISTANCE WITH HAUNTED LOOKS.
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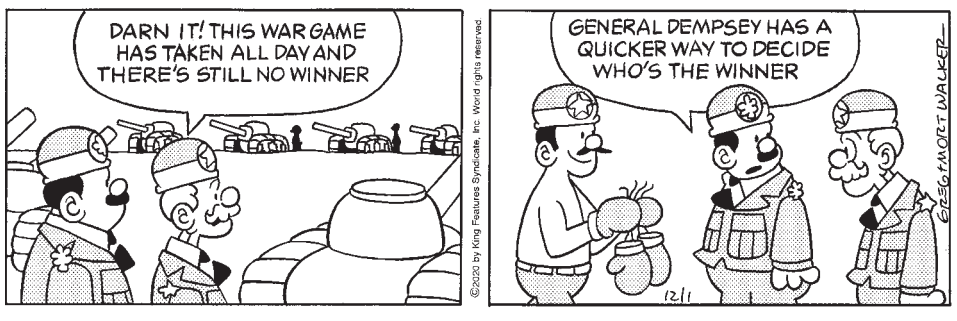
DON'T MISS

THIS WEEKEND'S ISSUE

Included in this Saturday's edition

BEETLE BAILEY


DARN IT! THIS WAR GAME HAS TAKEN ALL DAY AND THERE'S STILL NO WINNER
GENERAL DEMPSEY HAS A QUICKER WAY TO DECIDE WHO'S THE WINNER
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GREG & MORT WALKER
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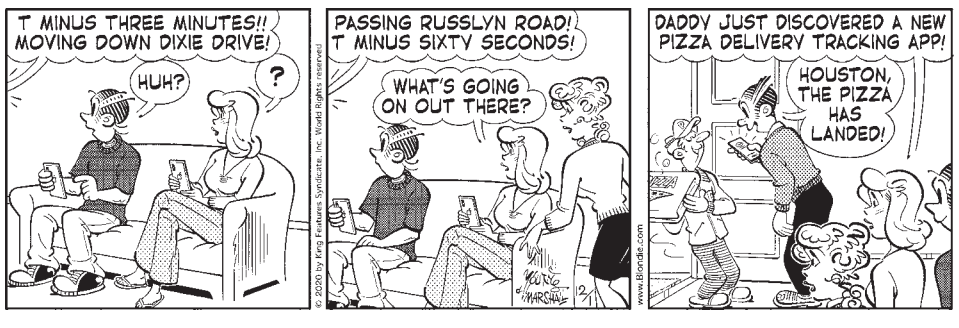
BLONDIE


T MINUS THREE MINUTES!! MOVING DOWN DIXIE DRIVE!
HUH?
?
PASSING RUSSLYN ROAD! T MINUS SIXTY SECONDS!
WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?
DADDY JUST DISCOVERED A NEW PIZZA DELIVERY TRACKING APP!
HOUSTON, THE PIZZA HAS LANDED!
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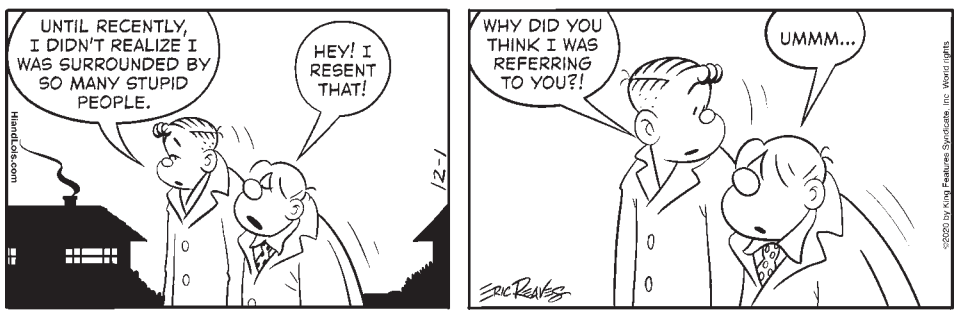
HI & LOIS


UNTIL RECENTLY, I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS SURROUNDED BY SO MANY STUPID PEOPLE.
HEY! I RESENT THAT!
WHY DID YOU THINK I WAS REFERRING TO YOU?!
UMMM...
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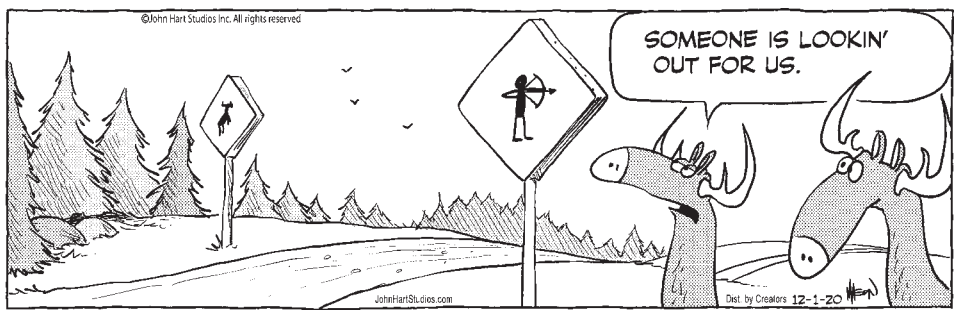

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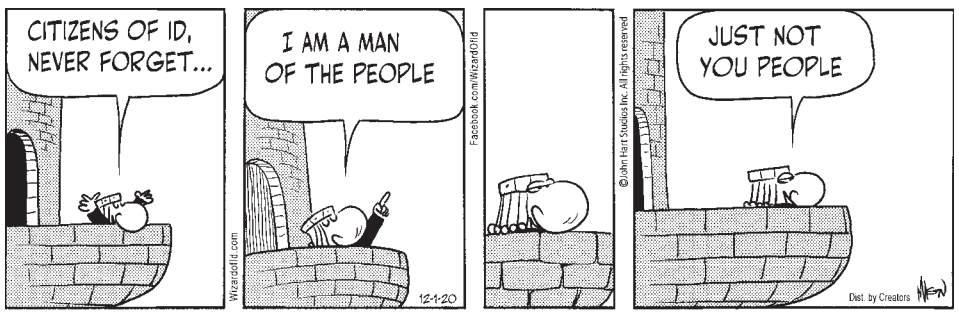
CITIZENS OF ID, NEVER FORGET...
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I THINK THAT'S A BUG.
HOLD ON. LET'S HEAR IT OUT.
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GARFIELD

FORT KNOX

I'M A GENIUS, BETTY.
THAT'S DEBATABLE.
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NO, IT'S NOT... I FIGURED OUT HOW TO GET MORE FOR CHRISTMAS.
HOW?
BY ASKING FOR NOTHING.
WHAT IF IT BACKFIRES?
THEN I'LL STEAL EVERYONE ELSE'S GIFTS.
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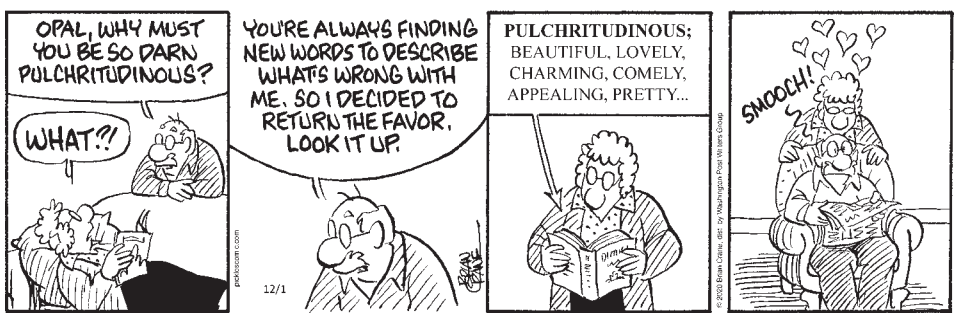
PICKLES


OPAL, WHY MUST YOU BE SO DARN PULCHRITUDINOUS?
WHAT?!
YOU'RE ALWAYS FINDING NEW WORDS TO DESCRIBE WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME. SO I DECIDED TO RETURN THE FAVOR. LOOK IT UP.
PULCHRITUDINOUS; BEAUTIFUL, LOVELY, CHARMING, COMELY, APPEALING, PRETTY...
SMOOCH!
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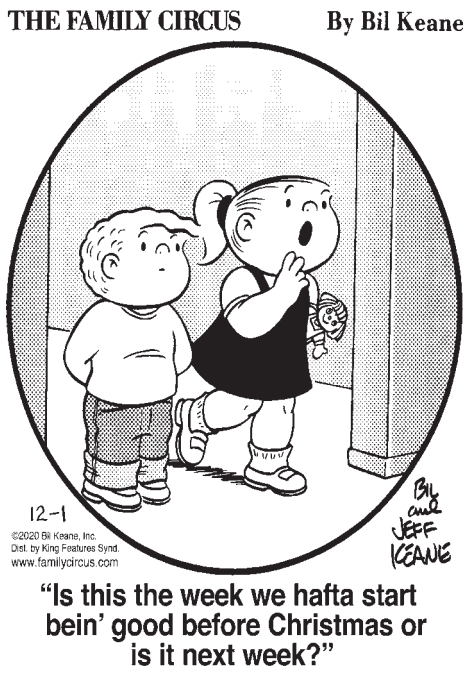
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
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BIL and JEFF KEANE
"Is this the week we hafta start bein' good before Christmas or is it next week?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE TALKING TO SANTA ON A SHOE!
YES, HE IS CALLING ME A LIAR AGAIN.
OH, I COULDN'T AGREE MORE. IT'S DEFINITELY NAUGHTY.
NO GIFTS FOR HIM? WELL, THAT'S UP TO YOU, OF COURSE.
WAIT! I NEED TO TALK TO HIM!!
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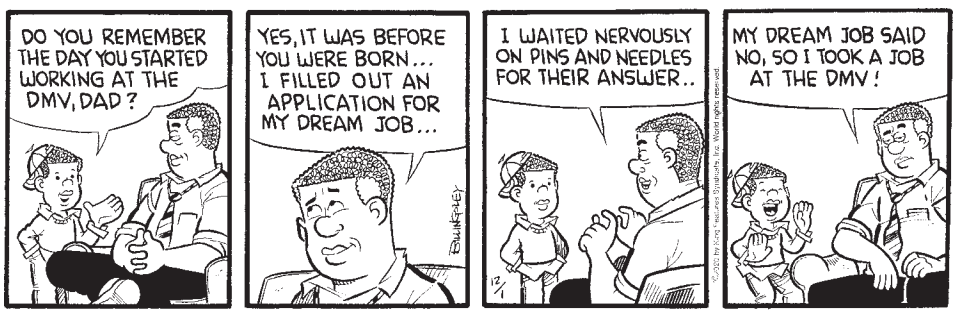
CURTIS


DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAY YOU STARTED WORKING AT THE DMV, DAD?
YES, IT WAS BEFORE YOU WERE BORN... I FILLED OUT AN APPLICATION FOR MY DREAM JOB...
I WAITED NERVOUSLY ON PINS AND NEEDLES FOR THEIR ANSWER..
MY DREAM JOB SAID NO, SO I TOOK A JOB AT THE DMV!
BARKLEY
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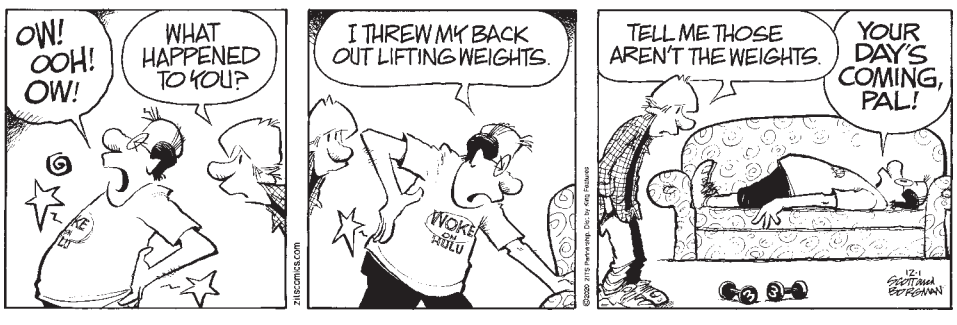
OW! OOH! OW!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I THREW MY BACK OUT LIFTING WEIGHTS.
WOKE ON AIDU
TELL ME THOSE AREN'T THE WEIGHTS.
YOUR DAY'S COMING, PAL!
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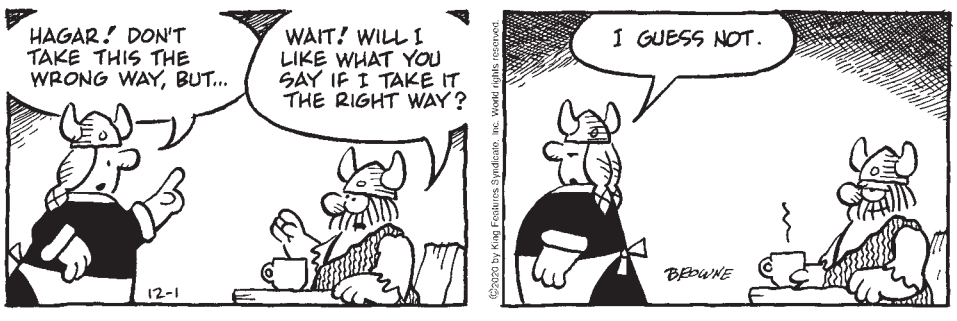
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


HAGAR! DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, BUT...
WAIT! WILL I LIKE WHAT YOU SAY IF I TAKE IT THE RIGHT WAY?
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I GUESS NOT.
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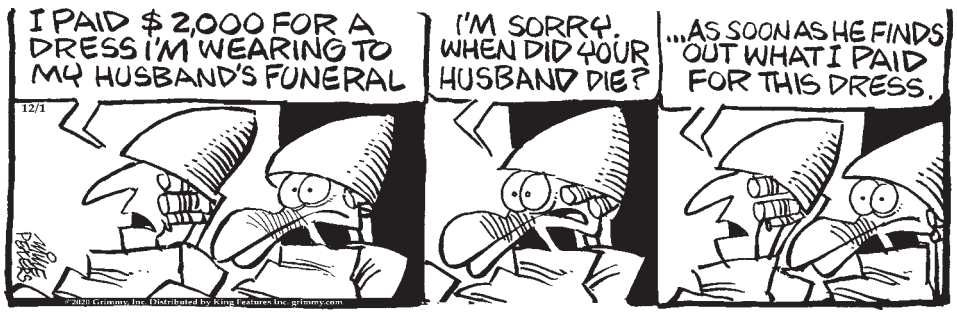
BROWNE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


I PAID $2,000 FOR A DRESS I'M WEARING TO MY HUSBAND'S FUNERAL
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I'M SORRY. WHEN DID YOUR HUSBAND DIE?
...AS SOON AS HE FINDS OUT WHAT I PAID FOR THIS DRESS.
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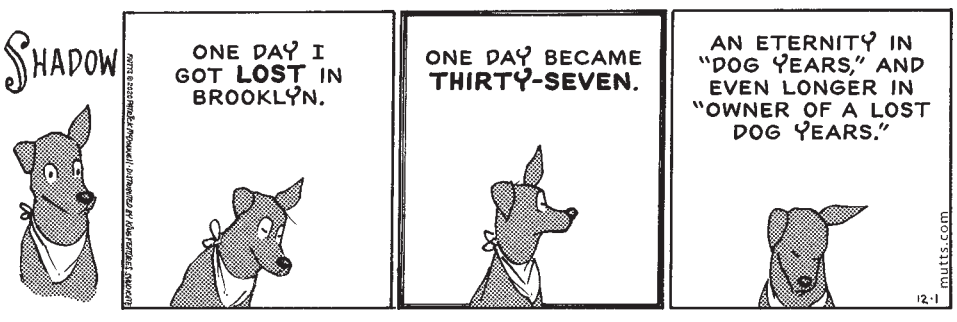
SHADOW
ONE DAY I GOT LOST IN BROOKLYN.
ONE DAY BECAME THIRTY-SEVEN.
AN ETERNITY IN "DOG YEARS," AND EVEN LONGER IN "OWNER OF A LOST DOG YEARS."
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SALLY FORTH

SO WHEN ARE WE GOING TO DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE?!
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YOU WANT TO DECORATE THE TREE? YOU WEREN'T THAT INTO IT LAST YEAR.
DIFFERENT YEAR, DIFFERENT MOOD.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE BORED OUT OF YOUR MIND BECAUSE YOU CAN'T HANG OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AS MUCH NOW.
I'VE ALREADY NAMED THE TREE "LOU" AND GIVEN IT A COMPLEX BACKSTORY. BY THE WAY, DID YOU KNOW LOU WAS A PIRATE?
NEEFFE
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By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Take action and focus on your pursuits. Handle relationships with enthusiasm and the desire to work as a team player. The contributions you make this year will enrich your life and your relationships with loved ones. Uncertainty will lift when someone reveals a secret.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Spend time fixing up your surroundings and nurturing meaningful relationships. Judicious research will help eliminate any misconceptions you have about someone who is elusive or secretive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Visualize what you want to accomplish, and make alterations that will help you achieve your goal. Look for an opportunity, and seize the moment. Leave nothing to chance, and success will follow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Show passion in all you pursue, and progress will follow. Refuse to let others sway you in a direction that benefits them instead of you. It's what you do, not what you say, that will count today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Call in favors and ward off an emotional altercation. Getting your responsibilities out of the way will leave time to enjoy the rest of your day. Doing the right thing could lead to a gift.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't hold back if someone gets in your way. Stand up and push forward. Look over your options and negotiate on your behalf. Strive to realize your true potential.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be wary of passing along dubious information. Getting to the bottom of a nettlesome situation will depend on the facts. The decisions you make can influence a meaningful relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Set a high standard. Speak up and share your plans. Handle sensitive issues with compassion and understanding. Don't let a change someone makes distract you. Be true to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take care of personal matters before someone steps in and takes charge. Change may not be welcome, but it's best to deal with it yourself. Personal improvement is favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Lend a helping hand, and someone will offer the same courtesy. Taking an unnecessary risk will be costly. Focus on doing a good job and making a memorable impression.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Sit tight, listen and assess what's going on around you before you decide to make a move. A change to a relationship will improve your day. Share a special moment with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Follow your heart and intuition. Take action, make a statement and do your best to bring people together. Problems will arise if you let someone put unreasonable demands on you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Opportunities will come and go. It's up to you to take advantage of what's going on around you. Tie up loose ends to avoid being put in a position that leaves you at a disadvantage.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Horse Racing General Rules
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES 2020-38-TY

The Michigan Gaming Control Board will hold a public hearing at the following time and date to receive comments by interested persons on amendments to the horse racing general rules.

Date: December 16, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The public hearing will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams in order to receive public comments while complying with statutorily required measures designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Web Link: https://bit.ly/3fd0RcS

Phone number: 248-509-0316
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These rules are promulgated under § 7(1) of Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, which states the racing commissioner may promulgate rules pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969 for conducting horse racing, pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing results, and simulcasting. MCL 431.307(1). These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The rules are designed to promote a safe, responsible, fair, and legal system of horse racing, pari-mutuel wagering, and simulcasting in this State. The changes are being made to increase safety, create the least burdensome alternative for those required to comply, and provide process clarifications and improvements for consistency with industry practices. The rules also include provisions for third-party facilitators (TPF). These rules include term definitions, licensing provisions, account operations, and penalties for failing to comply, providing false information, or posing a threat to the integrity of racing.

The rules are published on the Michigan Government website at http://www.michigan.gov/moahr and will appear in the December 15, 2020, issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of the draft rules and regulatory impact statement may also be obtained by mail or electronic request at the address below.

In addition to the public hearing, interested parties may submit written comments to Michigan Gaming Control Board, PO Box 30786, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Attention: Wendy Harns, no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2020. Written comments may also be sent electronically to MGCB-Rules@michigan.gov.

To allow for broad public attendance and participation, including for persons with disabilities, members of the public may access this meeting by both internet and phone and provide either oral or written comments. Closed captioning will be provided, when available. Members of the public who are speech or hearing impaired may also attend and participate in this meeting by dialing 7-1-1 and using the Michigan Relay service. More information about this service may be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93308_93325_93425_94040_94041---,00.html.

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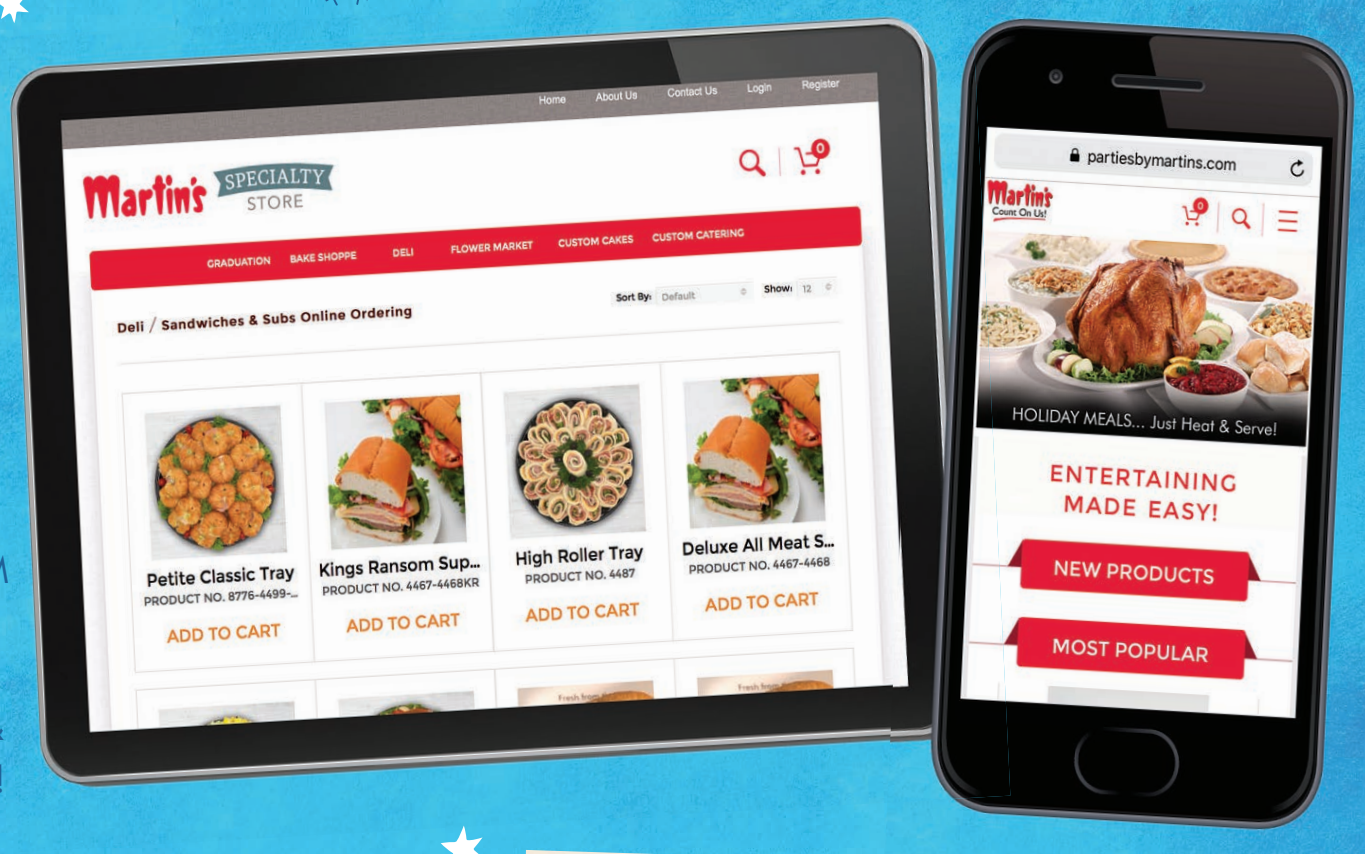

Ready to Heat Smokehouse Ham and Premium Turkey Dinners from our Deli!

Event Ready Entrees & Sides help you pull together the perfect year-end celebration.

Choose from cookie trays, holiday cakes, specialty cupcakes, & sweet treats from our Bake Shoppe.

Deli sandwiches, wraps, and sub trays are guaranteed to please any office or holiday party!